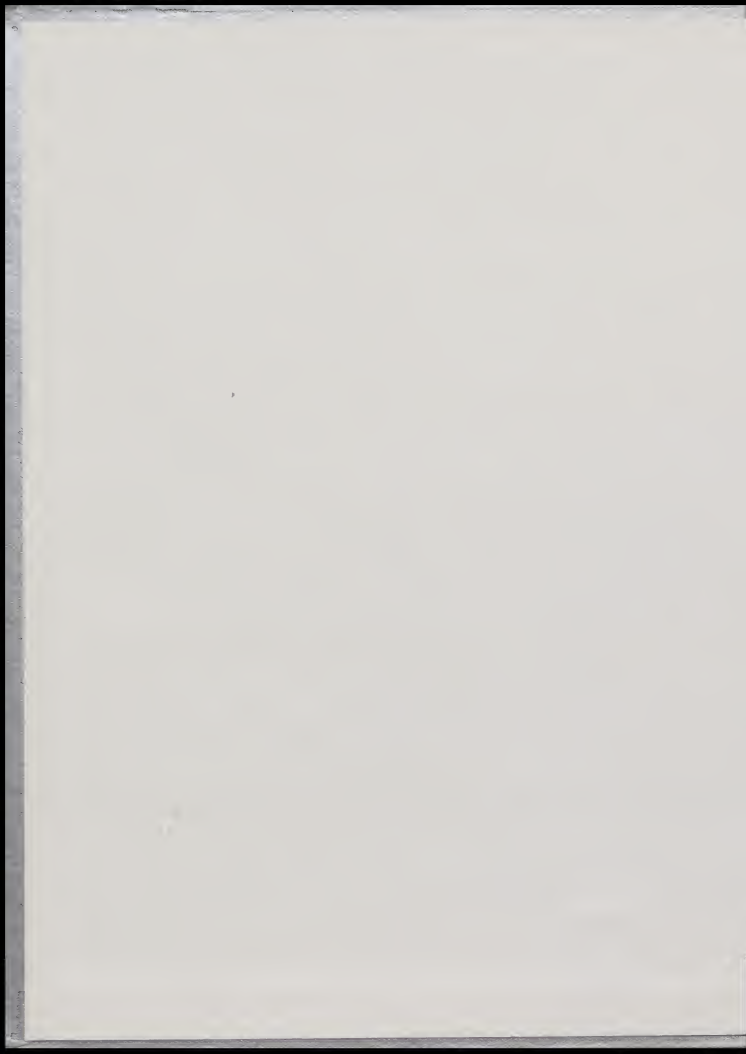




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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office for National Statistics 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out a vision for the future of older people's services. The strategy is based on the following principles: older people should be able to live independently in their own homes; older people should be able to participate in the community; older people should be able to access the services they need; and older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment. The strategy also sets out a number of objectives, including: to improve the quality of life of older people; to reduce the number of older people who are in care homes; to improve the access of older people to services; and to improve the safety and security of older people's homes.

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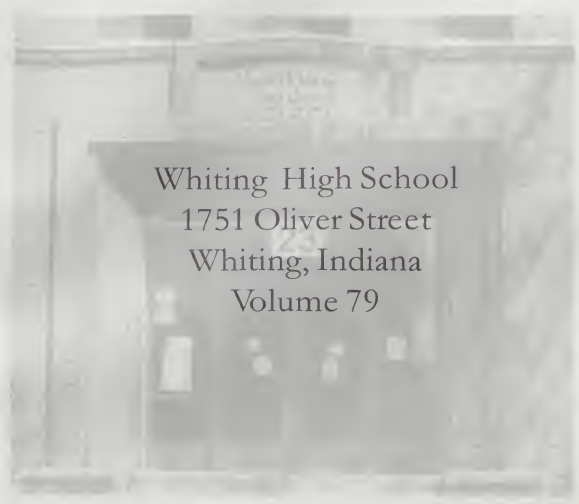
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Opening

Whiting students explode into the new millennium

On August 20, 1999, the Oilers came back to prepare for the new year ahead. As the volleyball, football, and cross country teams looked forward to a winning season, the students looked forward to achieving academic success as well. In addition, students looked forward to the many activities and once again being with their friends. We are all ready to Explode into the Millennium!!!

★ Below, Seniors **Liz Toth** and **Michelle Kobli** study diligently as the rest of the class finishes their homework.



★ Right, Junior **Isaac Hernandez** proudly shows his school spirit by painting his face during spirit week.



★ Above, **Amanda Smith** works conscientiously on decorating her hallway for the judging.

★ Right, Taking time out from dancing, the senior girls laugh with **Ms. Flaris** about the fun they're having. "One, two, three, four, more than five beautiful senior girls," said Ms. Flaris.





** Left, Taking a break, the volleyball team gathers to cheer on cross country runners.*

** Below left, Sophomore Jamie Menzyk checks over her geometry homework before Mrs. Herodchik collects it.*



** Above, Enjoying the dance, the freshmen boys talk about who they want to dance with.*



** Above, Pepping up the crowd, junior Robby Vrubel talks his way to a victory.*



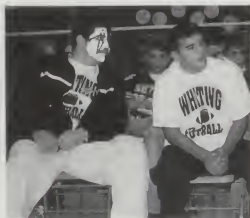
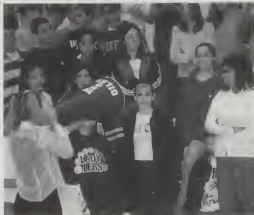
** Above, Huddling at the park, the cross country team gets ready for another victory. Senior Sean Coleman said, "We've built friendships as well as a two year tradition that may continue..."*



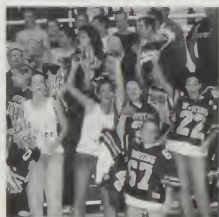
** Above, freshman Vinnie Donovan eagerly rushes on the field for another big win.*

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ACTIVITIES



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Jenny Young

Homecoming '99

Whiting High School has its last homecoming of the 20th Century

Homecoming kicked off with a bang this year with a variety of activities that boosted Oiler spirit and pride. The theme of Homecoming this year was "The Decades," in which each class picked a decade to represent them. The annual Spirit Week opened with a Clash Day on Monday; Crazy Hair Day on Tuesday; Wednesday was Decade Day; Thursday was Pajama Day as well as the day of the Bonfire and Homecoming Parade; and Friday was Green and White Day. The senior class won the

Spirit Stick with their 1950's theme. All classes did a great job participating.

The Oilers, despite being led by first team All-State safety **Robert Giancola**, lost the game to the Bishop Noll Warriors. Even though our Oilers lost the game, the Oiler spirit was not defeated as many showed up to the gym for the dance and had a great time.

★ Right, Showing her adoration for **Jim Edge** during the "Senior Skit" is senior **Jackie Benko**.



★ Above, This year's Homecoming King and Queen. **Kim Abrego** and **Leon Leckavicius**.

★ Right, Senior Homecoming Royalty 1999 included, from left, **Matt Dado**, **Sarah Puhek**, **Kim Abrego**, **Leon Leckavicius**, **Jackie Benko** and **Robert Giancola**.



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* Left, Taking time out from leading the student body at the Pep Assembly are Matt Dado and Michelle Kobli.

* Below, Dan Montantes and Brooke Malkowski show their sophomore pride by dressing "60's" style at the bonfire.



* Above, Our student body had lots of fun at the bonfire this year!



* Above, Junior Robert Arredondo and the Oilers are ready to tackle another opponent.



* Above, The junior class chose Katie DeLuna and Jon Vujko as their 1999 attendants.



* Above, Jamie Menzyk and Jeff Mis were chosen by their class to be the sophomore homecoming attendants.



* Above, Nicole Arredondo and Isaac Barera were chosen to be the freshman class homecoming attendants.



* Above, Isaac Hernandez and Maritza Galaviz show their junior pride on Crazy Hair day.

H O M E C O M M I N G





FALL PLAY

Cast and crew put in heart and soul for a small audience

Even though there was a low turnout for the fall play, the cast and crew still delivered a great performance. The cast, consisting of only seven high school and middle school students, put on the hilariously haunting play, "Almost The Bride of Dracula."

On opening night the cast and crew had a traditional prayer before they walked on stage. The eerie smoke and haunting music helped peak the audience's curiosity as to the frightful events to come.

The plot of the play involves **Jared Hobson**, playing the role of "Dracula," who is not able to find a suitable mate. But not to worry, his mother, played by junior **Jennifer Young**, is trying as hard as she can to make her young "Dracky-Pu" as attractive as can be. Still, Dracula just can't find a woman to marry him--unbelievable since he's so devilishly handsome and charming.

** Top right, Dracula goes for the neck while Donna, played by junior April Irizarry, smiles unsuspectingly.*



** Top, Mrs. Reinhart, choir teacher and drama director, proudly poses with her gift from the cast after the closing performance.*





* Left, "Well, Howdy Partner!" Sophomores Crystal Miller, "Ma", and Ry Torhan, "Pa", meet their perspective son-in law, Dracula.

* Below, The cast takes its final bow as the audience shows its appreciation.



Cast of Characters

Dracula.....Jared Hobson
His mother.....Jenny Young
Donna.....April Irizarry
Lisa.....Jessica Skiba
Becky.....Elizabeth Curosh
Becky's Ma.....Crystal Miller
Becky's Pa.....Ry Torhan

Acknowledgments

Director...Melinda Reinhart
Light&Sound...Mike Reinhart
Curtain.....Laura Fisher
Spotlight.....Jessica Halliar

* Left, Dracula's mother, junior Jenny Young, shows her concern over Dracula's, senior Jared Hobson, inability to find a mate.

Drama Students Take The LEAD



* "I'm hoping more kids will learn to appreciate all the time and effort it takes to put on a play. Maybe an appreciation of drama will help get bigger turnouts for auditions. My favorite memory of the play was the practices. It's nice not having to worry about messing up." -- junior Jenny Young



* "My favorite memory from the play was getting to spend some time with an old friend who always made me laugh at rehearsals. I hope many people try out for the play so we can put on a really good show. I want next year to be memorable."-- junior April Irizarry

Choice Volleyball Tournament

Food, fun and friendly competition

Due to poor attendance at past lock-ins, the PTO decided to try something new in hopes of a better turnout. Well, they succeeded. Over Christmas break, on December 27, Whiting High School's first annual Choice Volleyball Tournament was held. A total of ten choice classes, each coached by their own choice teacher, came together for an evening of food, fun, and friendly competition.

"It was so competitive, I didn't mind missing *Monday Night Raw*," said junior **Steve Callas**.

"I thought it was fun and that all the people who attended had a good time," added sophomore **Nely Cervantes**. Even though some may have preferred a lock-in, the many students who participated in the Choice Volleyball Tournament seemed to have an enjoyable time.



★ Above, Freshmen sat after a big game, all that freshmen **Dan Tolcikis** and **Jose Jimenez** can think about is a little R&R.



★ Above, Turning on his charm, senior **Matt Dado** hopes to score some "bonus points" with the referee before the game.

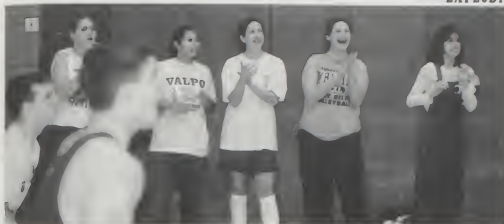
★ Right, Another well-earned point for **Hruskocy's Hustlers** as the opposing team lets the ball drop.



★ Above, Showing great form, junior **Steve Callas** follows through with another huge serve for his team.



★ Above, Capturing second place, **Guaccio's Nuggets**. Kneeling: **Josh Dado**, **Shaun Sanchez**, **Paul "Nugget" Garcia**. Standing: **Coach Guaccio**, **Nikki Fetsis**, **Jamie Menzyk**, **Nely Cervantes**.



★ Above, Sophomores Nely Cervantes, Nikki Fetsis, and Katie Papach cheer on Klochan's Knockouts during the championship game, while junior Rachel Rodgers holds their mascot, Pepe, for good luck.



★ Above, The winning team, Klochan's Knockouts. *Kneelers:* Kelly Stolman, Pepe, (not pictured) Eric Winn. *Standing:* Osbaldo Santos, Stefanie Hemm, Coach Klochan, Rachel Rodgers, Tina Guajardo, and Steve Callas.



★ Left, Taking his responsibilities as line judge very seriously is junior Robby Vrabel.



★ Above, "Ace" thinks senior Liz Toth as she gets the ball into play for Hruskocy's Hustlers.



★ Above, Sophomore Amber Werth puts her game face on as she waits for the first serve.

Sectionals

"Amazed 2000"

Looking good, picking out the right dress, figuring out who to go with and where to go afterwards is mostly what sectionals is about. Co-sponsored by the sophomore class and the student council, sectionals was held on March 4, 2000. The sectional court included senior candidates: **Amanda Duron** escorted by **Tom Honeycutt**; **Elaine Prevatte** escorted by **Eddie Gomez**; and **Sarah Puhek** escorted by **Michael Nastav**. **Puhek** and **Nastav** were named queen and king. Sectional attendants included **Suzu Boyle** and **Kevin Rigg** representing the junior class; **Gianna Rossi** and **Eric Drewniak** representing the sophomore class; and **Joy Furto** and **Jon McNinch** representing the freshmen class.



★ Below, Senior **Tinya Adair** rests after dancing the night away.



★ Above, This year's Sectionals King and Queen are **Michael Nastav** and **Sarah Puhek**.



★ Above, **Chad Boland** and **Gianna Rossi** get close.



★ Above, Taking a break from the fun, this group of friends poses for a picture before leaving.



★ Above, **Tony Fernandez** shows off his hip dance moves.

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★ *Above, The 2000 Sectionals Court. Front Row: Eric Drzewniak, Gianna Rossi, Jon McNinch, Joy Furto, Kevin Rigg and Suzy Boyle. Back Row: Eddie Gomez, Elaine Prevatte, Michael Nastav, Sarah Puhek, Tom Honeycutt and Amanda Duron.*



★ *Below, Even Sectionals photographer Yola Casillas needs a break after a busy evening.*



★ *Above, Senior Thespena Kollintzas and freshman Winston Kotzan share a dance towards the end of the evening.*



★ *Above, By the looks on their faces, Nicole Lemus and Sean Finegan had a wonderful time at the dance.*



★ *Above, Freshman Isaac Barrera is the envy of all the guys as he is surrounded by junior beauties Katie DeLuna, Tiffany Kontrik and Kara Krask.*



★ *Above top, Fran Raycroft, Osbaldo Santos and bottom, Ivan Milutinovic, Paul Garcia and Jeff Koval prove that W'HS has the hottest guys around.*

Yola Casillas

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Spring Musical

Students make a *Disney Spectacular* of themselves

This year's spring production was *Disney Spectacular*, a musical incorporating favorite songs from many Disney classics.

There were excerpts from such films as *Mary Poppins* and *Pete's Dragon* and such animated films as *Beauty and The Beast*, *Cinderella*, *The Little Mermaid* and many, many others.

Solos and duets were

sung by sophomores **Ryan Cogdill**, **Jessica Halliar**, **Amanda Harris**, **Crystal Miller**, **Ry Torhan** and senior **Vanessa Perez**. The Nathan Hale Choir also contributed to the show by performing songs from *Annie* and *Peter Pan*.

This was the first production to use the brand new light board that was installed in the auditorium.



★ Above, *Nothing you could say could tear "sisters" sophomore Crystal Miller, freshman Ann Rodriguez, and sophomores Leslie Garcia and Laurie Edwards from crooning about their guy.*



★ Right, Senior **Vanessa Perez** as *Cinderella* tells the audience that "I Dream Is. I Wish Your I Heart Makes."



★ Far left, *Though they spend their time in the ashes and smoke, these chimney sweeps believe that they are the luckiest blokes.*

★ Left, *Sophomores Amanda Harris, Crystal Miller, and Michelle Smith believe that someday their prince will come. Miller, dressed as Snow White, awaits her dance with Prince Dopey.*

★ Right, *Sophomore Ryan Cogdill sings that the Beast, sophomore Ry Torhan is trying to ignore the new feelings he has for Belle.*

★ Far right, *Sophomore Jessica Halliar as Belle, with her nose stuck in book. The townspeople in the background find Belle to be a very strange girl, but they know that there is something very special about*



★ Above, *Freshman Ed Boyle, the baker, with his tray of bread to sell.*

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* Above, Townspeople junior **Jen Hall** and sophomore **Caidin Mills-Groninger** say good morning to Belle.
 * Above center, Freshman **Ann Rodriguez** as a marionette, sophomore **Crystal Miller** as Pinocchio, and sophomore **Laurie Edwards** also as a marionette.

* Above right, Some of the female cast members do a can-can dance to "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious."



* Above, Sophomore **Amanda Harris** dressed as Ariel, the Little Mermaid, wants more than just her gadgets and gizmos and thingamabobs. She wants to be where the people are, up on the dry land in the sun.

* Above right, The cast says good-bye a la the Mouseketeers, singing "M-i-c... See ya real soon!...-k-e-y...why? because we like you!...M-o-u-s-e."



* Left center, Sophomore **Ry To chan** during his solo of "The Lion Sleeps Tonight."

* Far left and left, the cast is not afraid as **To chan** singing to them, because in the village, the peaceful village, the lion sleeps tonight.



* Above, Sophomores **Ryan Cogdill** and **Ry To chan** along with freshman **Eddie Boyle** sing the story of Dory Crockett.

* Above, The cast takes a final bow. The audience responded with a loud burst of applause to show their appreciation for the hard work the cast put into the show.

Jenny Young

Prom

Birthplace of memories that will last forever

The first WHS Prom of the Millennium took place at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond on May 19. The theme song was "Everything I Do..." by Brian Adams.

Prom-Prom also took place at the Dynasty. The couples came down the stairs from the balcony and merged into the crowd of friends and family. The twinkling white lights and gold and ivory balloons added to

the wonder created by the gorgeously dressed couples in attendance.

Towards the end of the night, everyone voted for the Prom court.

Michael Hartman was voted king and **Vita Pushkarovich** was crowned queen.

After the last dance, everyone went their own way, making their own memories which will live on forever.



* Right, The 2000 Prom Court: King **Michael Hartman**, Queen **Vita Pushkarovich**, Princess **Kara Krask** and Prince **Robby Vrabel**.



* Above, Junior class sponsor **Mr. Long** and his wife cannot help but look happy seeing Prom go so well.

* Below, Junior class sponsor **Mr. Nichols** and his date, **Ms. Juscik**, also look overjoyed at the success of Prom.



* Above left, Junior **Heather Thorgren** and her date, WHS alumnus **JR Ford**, ponder over who they think should be crowned the royalty of this year's Prom.

* Above, The seniors gather together for a group picture. No one is sure just how junior class sponsor **Mr. Nichols** managed to sneak into a senior picture.

* Left, Senior **Craig Balling**, being the charmer that he is, stands content with the lovely ladies, senior **Maria Del Real** and sophomore **Viancy Luna**.

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* Far left, Junior Jeff Koval and his date, Natalie Yzaguirre, look very, very happy together. :)

* Left center, Juniors Suzy Boyle and Charlie Brewer show what they can do on the dance floor in a fancy pair of shoes.

* Left, Senior Thea Kollintzas and David Verta were definitely one of the cutest couples at the dance.

* Right, Junior Kelly Stolman and her date, senior Dave Curosh, descend the stairs during pre-Prom.

* Right center, Junior Peter Protolipac may not look like he is having a good time, but he is smiling on the inside.

* Far right, Senior Kimmy Abrego and Junior Paul Garcia decide to sit this one out.



* Far left, Seniors Amanda Duron and Sara Morando prove once and for all that you do not need fancy shoes (or any shoes at all for that matter) to be a good dancer.

* Left, Seniors Sarah Puhek, Nicole Condy, Laura Gulvas, Michelle Kobli, and Jackie Benko dance, dance, dance, the night away.



* Above, Seniors Nick Heeringa, Jared Hobson and Sean Coleman take a breather from all the excitement to rest their weary bodies.

* Right, A fun at the chaperones at Prom joins in the fun to exhibit some of their dancing skills.



* Above left, Sophomore Eric Drewniak and junior Shaun Sanchez wait for the ladies to come to them.

* Above center, Junior Rachel Gorman with her escort, WHS alumnus George Kollintzas, during pre-Prom.

* Above, Junior Katie DeLuna and sophomore Jeff Mispause for a picture.

Clubs

Few, but strong in number



NHS

★ The 1999-2000 National Honor Society was sponsored by Mr. Kloseck. First Row: President David Curosh; Treasurer Nicholas Heeringa; Secretary Michelle Kobli; Sergeant-at-Arms Thespena Kollintzas; and Vice President Mandy Blastick. Second Row: Robert Vrabel, April Irizarry, Laura Gulvas, Elizabeth Toth and Susan Boyle. Third Row: Charles Brewer, Bridget Elza, Jennifer Young, Stevan Callas and Kelly Stoltman.



ACADEMIC TEAM

★ The 1999-2000 Academic Team was sponsored by Mrs. Herochik. First Row: Katherine DeLuna, Kara Krask, Tiffany Kontrik, Mandy Blastick and Susan Boyle. Second Row: Caitlin Mills-Groninger, Abigail Irvine, Nicholas Ringer, Nicholas Heeringa and Jeff Mis. Third Row: Chad Bolland, Francis Raycroft, Stevan Callas and David Curosh.



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

★ The 1999-2000 Science Olympiad was sponsored by Mr. Nichols and Mr. Long. First Row: Demetria Beaulieu, Bridget Elza, Jennifer Young, and Susan Boyle. Second Row: Ryan Cogdill, Francis Raycroft, Nicole Fetsis, Amanda Harris and Jeff Mis.

BOOSTER CLUB



** The 1999-2000 Booster Club was sponsored by Mrs. Bock and Mrs. Mindas. President Michelle Kobli, Vice President Ashley Cooper, Secretary Brienne Tolbertson, and Treasurer Heather Thorngren.*

STUDENT COUNCIL

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** The 1999-2000 Student Council was sponsored by Mr. Donovan. First Row: Treasurer Nely Cervantes and Matthew Dada. Second Row: Secretary Mandy Blastick, Lilia Castelan, Susan Boyle and Vice President April Irizarry.*



STATS & MANAGERS

** The 1999-2000 Managers and Statisticians. Front Row: Shannon Wilson, Sara Morando, Bridget Elza, Susan Boyle and Brienne Tolbertson. Second Row: Michelle Kobli, Sarah Puhak, Nicole Condy and Jen Matuska. Third Row: Ashley Sudar, Eric Winn, Laura Gulvas and Jared Hobson.*

SADD

**The 1999-2000 SADD was sponsored by Mrs. Lemon. First Row: Vice President Tanya Adair; Treasurer Tiffany Kontrik; President Mandy Blastick and Secretary Shaun Sanchez.*



F B L A

**The 1999-2000 FBLA was sponsored by Mrs. Lemon. First Row: Treasurer April Irizarry; Vice President Susan Boyle; President Mandy Blastick, and Secretary Christine Matejko.*

CHOIR

**The 1999-2000 Choir was directed by Mrs. Reinhart. First Row: Amanda Duron, Vanessa Perez, Crystal Miller and Ann Rodriguez. Second Row: Ry To dan, Jessica Halli and Ryan Cogdill. Third Row: Dennis Wright, Caitlin Mills-Groninger, Courtney Oswald and Amanda Harris.*





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BAND

**The 1999-2000 Band was directed by Mr. Kuhn. First Row: Amber Werth, Laurie Edwards, Robert Velez and Chad Boland. Second Row: Jessica Halliart, Demetria Beaulieu, Bridget Elza, Lilia Castelan and Stephanie Welch. Third Row: Jared Hobson, Francis Raycroft, Pete Protolipac, Ryan Cogdill and TJ Fusner.*

T A T T L E R



**The 1999-2000 Tattler was sponsored by Ms. Hylek. First Row: Layout Editor Eric Winn, Sarah Puhek, Jen Matuska. Second Row: Co-Editor Charles Brewer, Co-Editor Jennifer Young, Ryan Cogdill. Third Row: Pete Protolipac, and Jared Hobson.*



REFLECTOR

**The 1999-2000 Reflector was sponsored by Ms. Hylek. First Row: Brianne Tolbertson, Tanya Adair, Yolanda Casillas, Ads Editor Tanya Anaya and Alicia Melgoza. Second Row: Eric Winn, Editor Bridget Elza, Jennifer Young, and Ryan Cogdill. Third Row: Agnes Sotak, Ivan Milutinovic, Jared Hobson and April Irizarry. Fourth Row: Sarah Puhek, Nicole Condy, Michelle Kobli and Elizabeth Toth.*

Alicia Melgoza

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

THEY LOVE THIS GAME

The Lady Oiler volleyball team began the season in hopes of coming home with a sectional title, but fell just short of it when M.C. Marquette beat them in a well played game. As for the rest of the season, the Lady Oilers finished 16-16 overall and 5-7 in the conference. "I think this season went pretty well. We had a lot of close games against really great teams. We had a huge win against Clark. I think that made our season," said junior **Rachel Gorman**. In addition, senior **Jackie Benko** was named to the All-Conference First Team; junior **Kelly Stolman** was named to the All-Conference Second Team; and seniors **Michelle Kobli** and **Liz Toth** were named to the All-Conference Honorable Mention team.

SCORES

WASH. TWP.	W
EC CENTRAL	W
MERRILLVILLE	L
LAKE STATION	W
MORGAN TWP.	L
HAMMOND	W
GAVIT	L
EC CENTRAL	W
CALUMET	W
LACROSSE	W
HIGHLAND	L
MORTON	L
WHEELER	L
ANDREAN	L
HORACE MANN	W
CLARK	W
LOWELL	L
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HANOVER	L
MORTON	L
KOUTS	W
GAVIT	W
MUNSTER	L
HAMMOND	W
WEST SIDE	W
BISHOP NOLL	L
GRIFFITH	L
ROOSEVELT	W
HEBRON	W
HANOVER	L

SECTIONALS

WASH. TWP.	W
MC MARQUE.	L

RECORD 16-16



* Above, The 1999 Whiting Varsity Volleyball Team. Row one: Ashley Copper, Jackie Benko, and Stefanie Hemm. Row two: Michelle Kobli, Kelly Stolman, Sarah Puhek. Row three: Rachel Gorman, Abby Irvine, and Nicole Fetsis. Row four: Thespena Kollintzas and Liz Toth. Row five: Coach Nichols.



* Left, Goofing around before pre-game warm ups are seniors Liz Toth and Jackie Benko and juniors Abby Irvine and Ashley Copper.



* Above, Waiting with anticipation for the serve are seniors **Thespena Kollintzas** and **Jackie Benko**.



* Left, Setting the ball in a game against cross-town rival Clark High School is senior **Liz Toth**.



* Right, Soaring to a new level, senior **Sarah Lu Puhck** gets ready to pound the ball at the opponents defense.



* Above, Getting the team psyched-up for the second match against the Clark Pioneers, **Coach Nichols** gives last minute strategy to his players. The Lady Oilers went on to beat the Pioneers in an easy win.

Seniors' Most Memorable Moments



* "When Mr. Nichols let me set for one play in the game." -- **Jackie Benko**



* "When Sarah and I would sing when we were coming home from away games--that's if we won." -- **Michelle Kobli**



* "When we went to Washington Township and there were nice in the locker room and one was in my shoe." -- **Thespena Kollintzas**



* "When a 'one-legged' girl from Griffith stole one of my shoes. Not both, just one." -- **Sarah Puhck**



* "Hiding in the bleachers from Mr. Nichols for the beginning of practice." -- **Liz Toth**

VARSITY FOOTBALL

TEAM ENDS SEASON HOPING TO REBUILD IN THE FUTURE

After losing 98 percent of the team from the year before, the Oilers were looking to rebuild and replace the "dream team." The Oilers started off winning the first three games, then the team went on a skid losing five of their next seven.

The two games the Oilers won in that skid were the best games they played the whole year--The Oilers "Shocked the World" and beat Gavit 24-21 for the first time in five years. **Jose Jimenez's** field goal and **Robert Giancola's** kickoff for a touchdown were the differences in the game. Only a couple of weeks later, the Oilers beat Clark, the game the team was waiting for the entire season. The Oilers were all business this game as they won 17-14. **Osbaldo Santos'** game winning field goal, **Robbie Vabel's** interception, **Eric Winn's** key receptions, and **Robert Giancola's** fumble recovery helped the Oilers defeat their opponents.

With almost all of the starters returning next year, the Oilers look to "Shock the World" and bring some hardware home, to where it belongs.



* Above, Senior wide receiver **Robert Giancola** leaps over two Clark defenders to score a touchdown. Whiting went on to beat their rivals 17-14.

* Right, Junior **Mike Llerena** hustles off the field to get a drink of water during the game against Bishop Noll.

GAME SCORES		
North Newton	W	21-6
River Forest	W	7-0
South Central	W	34-20
Morton	L	19-34
Lake Station	L	7-45
Gavit	W	24-21
Calumet	L	7-28
Bishop Noll	L	7-17
Clark	W	17-14
Sectionals		
Culver Community	L	0-28
Final Record		5-5





★ Above, Junior quarterback **Kevin Rigg** gets under center as the offense waits for him to snap the ball. This was Kerin's first year as a varsity starter.



★ Above, Sophomore **Robert Velez** breaks a tackle on his way into the endzone during the second quarter of the South Central game. The Oilers went on to win the game 34-20.



★ Above, Juniors **Dwain Cook**, **Mike Llerena**, and **Jon Vujko** tackle an opponent.



★ Above, The players and referees take a break during the game against River Forest as the sprinkler system mysteriously turns on.



★ Above, The 1999 Whiting High School Football Team. The Oiler football team is comprised of 34 players, six coaches, four managers, and one trainer.

Oiler Football



I love this game

Eric Winn 27

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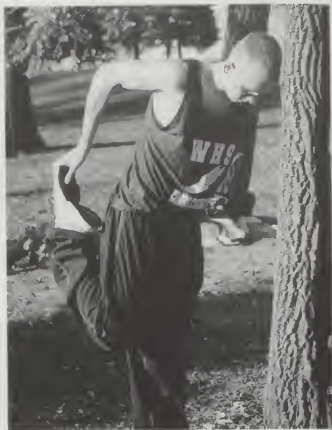
CROSS COUNTRY

TAKING IT ALL IN STRIDE

It was not a record season for the cross country team. The team was affected by injury over the course of the season. One of the team's best runners, senior co-captain **Sean Coleman**, was unable to compete at some of the meets. "I wish the team wouldn't have had so many injuries; we may have done better," said senior co-captain **Nick Heeringa**. Because of these injuries, the rest of the team was forced to step up. Although the season wasn't what the team had hoped, the runners still had a great time. The team got along well and thought very highly of their leader, third year coach, **Mr. Moynihan**.

"The high point of the season was when the volleyball team came to see us run," said senior co-captain **John Menzyk**. Another high point was that **Nick Heeringa** was named to All-Conference.

* Below, Preparing for a meet, senior **John Menzyk** warms up by stretching out.



* Above, The 1999-2000 Cross Country Team. Courtney Oswald, Nick Heeringa, Sean Coleman, Dan Montanes, Coach Moynihan, and Amanda Harris. Not pictured John McNinch and John Menzyk.



* Above, Sophomore **Dan Montanes** sprints toward the finish line.

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* Left: After an exhausting meet, senior Nick Heeringa still has energy to have fun.

* Below: Sophomores Amanda Harris and Courtney Oswald get ready before they meet against Calumet.



* "Anyone can walk a mile, drive a mile or bike one, but it takes a true athlete to run one."

—freshman John McNinch

* Below: Just taking off from the starting line, senior co-captains Sean Coleman and John Menzyk hope for a good race.



SCORES

GAVIT INVITE	
REBEL INVITE	
CALUMET	W
QUAD MEET	
BISHOP NOLL	L
HAMM. HIGH	L
MORTON	L
CLARK	W
NEW PRAIRIE INV	
TRI-MEET	
CALUMET	L
HIGHLAND	W
QUAD MEET	
HOBART	L
LAKE STATION	L
RIVER FOREST	L
HIGHLAND INV.	
TRI MEET	
CLARK	L
HAMM. HIGH	L
MICH. CITY	W
CLARK INV.	
RIVER FOREST	L
CONF. INV.	
SECTIONALS	L

Mark Zaree

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GIRLS VARSITY

BASKETBALL

HOOPIN' IT UP

Many goals were accomplished by the 1999-2000 Lady Oilers basketball team. Besides getting the season off to a 3-0 start, the Oilers had three huge wins against rivals Clark, Bishop Noll, and Morgan Township. "Those three wins made the season so much more memorable and enjoyable," stated senior Michelle Kobli.

Although the Lady Oilers couldn't bring home a sectional flag, they did finish the season with a winning record of 13-9. Four-year guard, senior Nicole Condy added, "I'm glad I got to play with a team that was so close. I'm upset it's all over, but I had a great four years with everybody, and it's so hard to see it go."

** Below, After a steal, senior Thes Kollintzas passes the opposing team for an easy lay-up.*



** Below, Seniors Michelle Kobli, Liz Toth, Nicole Condy, and Thes Kollintzas walk to the court with their game faces on. The girls have played together since freshmen year and all four stepped up as captains this year.*



** Above, Making her way downcourt, sophomore Jamie Menzyk turns to see if her teammates need help inbound the ball.*



** Above, Swish! Swish! Junior Kelly Stolman is perfectly set to sink two free throws. A three-year starter, Stolman has had a big impact on the team and will be back next year.*

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* Below, The Clark defense doesn't phase senior Nicole Condy as she breaks over the court for an open girl to pass to.



* Below, At a critical point in the game, varsity coach Paul Laub gathers the girls for a quick timeout to discuss their strategy.



* Above, The 1999-2000 Lady Oiler Basketball Team. First Row: Thes Kollintzas, Michelle Kobli, Liz Toth, Nicole Condy. Second Row: Amber Werth, Heather Thorgren, Kelly Stolman, Amy Ateberry. Third Row: Trainer Kim Simpson, Ashley Cooper, Abby Irvine, Jamie Menzyk, Coach Sara Reed, Head Coach Paul Laub.



* Above, The Lady Oilers' seniors Michelle Kobli, Thes Kollintzas, Nicole Condy, and Liz Toth make their way to the gym to play, and win, their last home game.

SCORES

CLARK	W
BISHOP NOLL	W
WESTVILLE	W
GRIFFITH	L
WASH. TWP.	W
LAKE STATION	W
MORGAN TWP.	W
CALUMET	W
HIGHLAND	L
LOWELL	L
MORTON	L
MC MARQ	W
ANDREAN	L
CLARK	W
LA CROSSE	W
WHEELER	W
GAVIT	L
HAMMOND	W
HEBRON	L
MUNSTER	L

SECTIONALS	
WESTVILLE	W
KOUTS	L

RECORD 13-9

Liz Toth

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

SHOOTING INTO THE MILLENNIUM

Over the past three years, the Whiting Oiler basketball team has shown tremendous improvement. Each year they have increased their amount of wins. There were three key reasons for this improvement. One of the reasons was the excellent coaching job of **Mr. Lenz** and **Mr. Donovan**. The second reason is that the team had two of the top area players; seniors **Robert Giancola** and **Mike Nastav**. The last reason is because the team just simply put in hard work. They worked hard in the weight room and on the court during the off-season as well as while in season.

Although the team did not have a winning record, the Oilers played a lot of close games. The Oilers put up battles with some very good teams like Lowell, Hammond High, and Griffith, but fell short by only a few points. The Oilers pulled it together, though, and beat some of their biggest rivals, Clark and Gavit. Other highlights of the season included Nastav being named to the Times All-Area First Team and All-Conference First Team; and Giancola being named Times Honorable Mention and All-Conference Second Team.



★ Left, The 1999-2000 Oilers. Front Row: Paul Garcia, Robby Vrabel, Robert Giancola, Matt Dado, Stevan Callas, Robert Velez. Back Row: Coach Lenz, Dave Curosh, Osbaldo Santos, Mike Nastav, Sean Coleman, Johnny Menzyk, Coach Donovan, and Trainer Kim Simpson.



★ Above, Senior Robert Giancola is patiently waiting to inbound the ball.

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* Below, Senior Sean Coleman goes hard to the hoop to add two more to the Oilers' score.



* Above, Senior Mike Nastav hopes to strip the ball from his opponent and put one down during the Battle of 119th Street.

* Below, Senior Matt Dado and junior Osbaldo Santos are more than ready to get back into the game.



SEASON SCORES

WASHINGTON TWP.	1
FAKESTATION	W
LA CROSSE	1
WESTVILLE	W
CALUMET	1
HAN. CENTRAL	1
HIGHLAND	1
MORTON	1
HEBRON	W
ANDREAN	1
N. NEWTON	1
CLARK	W
LOWELL	1
GAVIT	W
MUNSTER	1
HAMMOND HIGH	1
BISHOP NOLL	1
GRIFFITH	1
MARQUETTE	1
RIVER FOREST	W

SECTIONALS

WASHINGTON TWP.	W
MARQUETTE	1
FINAL RECORD	7-15



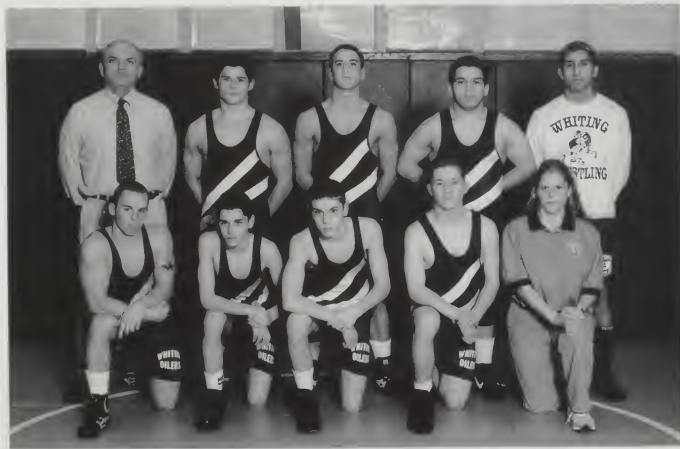
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WRESTLING

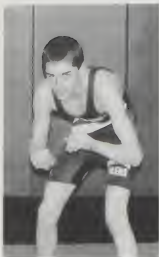
THE OILERS WRESTLE WITH ALL THEY'VE GOT

The Oilers wrestled with all they had, literally! Having only five wrestlers, the team suffered a tough season due to the large number of matches the team had to forfeit. Despite the small numbers, these five wrestlers put every effort forward and focused on their individual records. **Coach Rebey**, who expected a very good team with almost all the weight classes full, received an unpleasant surprise. "Our overall record was obviously going to be bad from the start," said Coach Rebey, "however, I did not think it would be as bad as it turned out. Winning only two meets didn't help." Coach Rebey also said, "I look forward to a better season next year and more numbers. Most of the boys come to freestyle and it will help greatly."

Individually, three Oilers, juniors **Jeff Koval** and **Shaun Sanchez** and freshman **Jason O'Drobinak**, advanced beyond the regular season and plan to go even farther next year. Congratulations to all the guys who stuck it out and good luck next season. Also, congratulations to junior **Jeff Koval** for being named MVP.



★ The 1999-2000 Wrestling Team. Back Row: Coach Bill Rebey, Brian Maloney, Jeff Koval, Shaun Sanchez, Asst. Coach Robert (Bo) Romo. Front Row: Nick Loomis, Jason O'Drobinak, Greg Koval, Jorge Ruiz and trainer Kim Simpson.



Jason O'Drobinak
Freshman

Weight class : 103

Views on the season:

"I think we did well with the small team we had, but next year I hope we get a better turn out so we can be tougher."



Jeff Koval
Junior

Weight class : 160

Views on the season:

"We accomplished a lot with the handful of guys that came out and stuck with it. Next year is going to be a different story. We are going to be tough as a team."



Shaun Sanchez
Junior

Weight class : 189

Views on the season:

"It may not have shown, but we accomplished a lot this year. We did what we could with the guys we had. Next year I am looking forward to a full squad and a strong team."

SCORES

MORTON	L
ANDREAN	L
CLARK	L
N. NEWTON	L
BOONE GROVE	L
RIVER FOREST	L
GAVIT	L
BISHOP NOLL	L
MORTON	L
GRIFFITH	L
MUNSTER	L
GAVIT	L
MERRILLVILLE	L
BOONE GROVE	L
HANOVER	W
H. HIGH	L
CLARK	L
WEST SIDE	L
HANOVER	L
BOONE GROVE	L
S. NEWTON	L
NEW PRAIRIE	L
N. NEWTON	L
BISHOP NOLL	L
H. HIGH	L



★Above, Freshman **Greg Koval**, tied with his opponent during a breathtaking match, tries to quickly flip him over for the pin.

★ Below, Coach **Bill Rebey**. "We had a good season, and we hope to get back four or five of the wrestlers we lost before and during the season, so we are looking forward to a great season next year."



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SOFTBALL

THE THIRD TIME'S A CHARM SECTIONAL CHAMPIONS 2000

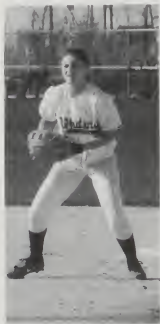
For the third year in a row since the start of class sports, the Lady Oilers reign Sectional 1A Champions. The team defeated Michigan City Marquette, River Forest and Wheeler to take this year's crown.

Overall, the team had an excellent season, posting a 22-10 record. The team was 8-4 in the Lake Athletic Conference which was quite an impressive accomplishment in itself.

Some highlights of the season included close games against top rivals including a 2-1 victory over Morton; a 2-1 victory over Wheeler in regular season play; and a 1-0 victory over Clark. In addition, a 6-0 win over Griffith was especially sweet.



★ Above, Seniors Jackie Benko, Nicole Condry and Sarah Puhek. "I think that our senior outfield really made our team strong," said Puhek.



★ Above, Senior Michelle Kobli quickly grabs the ball to get the out at first.



★ Above, The 2000 Sectional Champions. Front Row: Sarah Puhek, Michelle Kobli, Nicole Condry, Heather Thorgren, Ashley Cooper and Gianna Rossi. Back Row: Coach Laub, Lauren Curosh, Sarah Polak, Kelly Stolman, Jamie Menzyk, Jackie Benko, Laura Gulvas, Shannon Wilson, Amanda Smith, Amy Atteberry, Mr. Flick, Jon McNinch (stats), Coach Donovan and Kim Simpson, trainer.

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* Far left, Juniors Heather Thorgren and Ashley Cooper make the out to end the inning.

* Left, Junior Heather Thorgren hits the ball hard to drive in a couple runs and help gain the lead in a close game.

* Below far left, Sophomore Amy Atteberry makes it home safely before the ball gets there.



* Above, Freshman Sarah Polak clenches the ball tightly while the umpire calls the sure out at third base.



* Above, Taking a break before a long game, the team poses for a picture. Kneeling: Laura Gulvas, Michelle Kobli, and Amy Atteberry. Standing: Lauren Curosh, Shannon Wilson, Jackie Benko, Sarah Puhek, Nicole Condy, Ashley Cooper, Heather Thorgren, and Jamie Menzyk.

SCORES

MORG.TWP.	L
L. STATION	W
E.C. CENT.	W
CALUMET	W
M.C. MAR.	WW
HIGHLAND	W
MORTON	W
WHEELER	W
ANDREAN	L
CLARK	W
LOWELL	L
N. NEWTON	W
GAVIT	W
S. CENTRAL	W
CHI. WASH	L
MUNSTER	L
WASH. TWP.	W
HAM. HIGH	W
MORTON	L
HEBRON	W
BISHOP NOLL	L
RIVER FOR.	W
GRIFFITH	W
HAN. CENT.	L
KOUTS	L
WESTVILLE	W

SECTIONALS

MICH. C. MAR.	W
RIVER FOR.	W
WHEELER	W

REGIONALS

BREMEN	W
MORG. TWP.	L

OVERALL RECORD	
22-10	
LAC RECORD	
8-4	

Nicole Condy

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BASEBALL

CAN'T CATCH A BREAK

The baseball team was plagued by a number of problems this year, including poor weather, player suspensions and injuries. These ongoing problems throughout the season would hurt any team, and the Oilers were no exception. Some highlights of the season included an opening win against Hanover Central, a double-header win over Westville, and wins against E.C. Central and Gary Roosevelt.



* Above, Always on his toes, sophomore **Chad Boland** takes a lead, preparing to run when the ball is hit.



* Above, Junior **Paul Garcia** takes a break while his team bats.



* Above, The 2000 Oilers. Top Row: Coach **Robert Segudovic**, **Robby Vrabel**, **Chad Boland**, **Vinnie Donovan**, **Sean Coleman**, **John Menzyk**, Head Coach **Shawn Donovan**. Bottom Row: **Jorge Ruiz**, **Jeff Koval**, **Paul Garcia**, **Tino Cuba**, **Greg Koval**, **Derek Horsley** and **Paul Honeycutt**.

SCORES

HANOVER	W
CLARK	L
WESTVILLE	WW
LAKE STATION	L
WIRT	L
CALUMET	L
EC CENT.	LW
HIGHLAND	L
MORTON	L
ANDREAN	L
CLARK	L
LACROSSE	L
LOWELL	L
GAVIT	L
MUNSTER	L
GARY ROOS.	W
HAMMOND	L
BISHOP NOIL	L
GRIFFITH	L
(CT) GRIFFITH	L
(CT) LK. STAT.	L
MC MARQ.	L
WASH. TWP.	L
HEBRON	L
MORGAN TWP.	L

SECTIONALS

MORGAN TWP. L

CONFERENCE RECORD

0-14

OVERALL RECORD

5-23



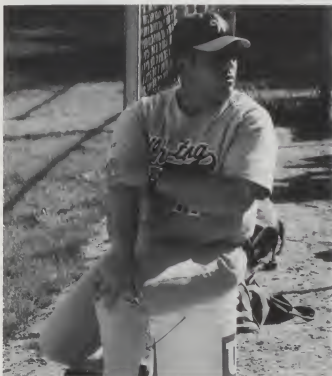
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* Above, Freshman Vinnie Donovan attempts to beat out the throw at first base.



* Above, With a full count junior Jeff Koval stays alive by getting a piece of the ball.



* Above, Coach Donovan tells one of his players to hit the ball in the hole in left field.



* Above, The baseball team huddles together to get ready for the next inning.



* Above, Warming up the pitcher is none other than catcher freshman Tino Cuba.



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TENNIS

NET A WINNING RECORD

This year's tennis team received a new coach. **Chris To rna i** coached the Lady Oilers to a season record of 8-6. Rainy weather was cause for quite a few cancellations. This required the Lady Oilers

to play up to five games a week. Although the team's record wasn't what they had hoped, each individual player improved greatly and looks forward to next year.



**The Lady Oiler tennis team lines up before its match against Clark. The team beat Clark by a score of 5-0.*



**Juniors Suzy Boyle, Kara Krask, Tiffany Kontrik, Katie DeLuna, April Irizarry and sophomore Courtney Oswald take time out for a photo at the team sleepover.*



** 2000 Tennis Team. Top Row: Courtney Oswald, Tiffany Kontrik, Co-Captain Vita Pushkarovich, Coach Chris To rna i, Katie DeLuna, Nikki Fetsis, Captain April Irizarry. Bottom Row: Ashley Sudar, Suzy Boyle, Kara Krask, Lilia Castelan and Chrissy Banas. Not pictured: Brooke Malkowski.*

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Left, Junior **Suzy Boyle** excitedly tells her winning score to Coach To mai.

Right, Junior **Katie DeLuna** returns her opponent's serve.

Below, The team's team, along with managers sophomore **Ry Torhan** and junior **Jon Vujko** enjoy a post game meal of mostaccioli and salad.



* Above left, #1 doubles junior **April Irizarry** and sophomore **Nikki Fetsis** get ready to play.

SCORES

Griffith	L
Clark	W
LewWallace	W
Hammond	W
E.C. Central	L
RiverForest	W
WestSide	W
Bish. Noll	L
LakeCent.	L
Wheeler	W
Morton	L
Gavit	L
Calumet	W
Hanover	L

* #2 doubles partners junior **Kara Krask** and sophomore **Brooke Malkowski** to figure out the score during their game against Lew Wallace.

April Irizarry

GOLF

A DAY ON THE GREEN

In most schools, golf is one of the most overshadowed and underrated sports. Whiting High School is no exception. Through the hard work of a few individuals, the Oilers began to rebuild the team and remained dedicated despite the odds.

At the end of last season, the team was looking forward to a successful season this year. Three of the five starters, however, moved or quit, so the team members had a lot to overcome before they even set out on the green.

Pete Protolipac said, "I was upset that we weren't going to have the same group of guys back. We were actually good: not individually, but as a team." After the departures, the Oilers picked up three new varsity golfers: **Jared Hobson**, **Ray Orosco** and **Francis Raycroft**.

This season, the Oilers

played some close games, although the end result was not always what the team may have hoped. Whatever the case, the Oiler golf team has a bright future ahead of them. They will only lose one senior, have four starters returning, and some underclassmen stepping up to swing the irons. As long as the upperclassmen stick around, the team should continue to improve.

** Right, Senior **Jared Hobson** watches his shot soar through the air.*



** Right, Juniors **Eric Winn** and **Pete Protolipac** decide on which clubs they will use for their next holes-in-one.*



** Above, Junior Ray Orosco takes golfing very seriously.*



** Above, Sophomore Fran Raycroft drives the ball to set up his next shot.*



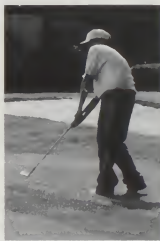
** Above, The 2000 Golf Team. Eric Winn and Fran Raycroft*



** Above, Golf Tip #1: Trusting your teammates is important, but this is ridiculous. Pete Protolipac and Eric Winn take a moment to depict the don'ts of good golfing and encourage golf safety on the course.*



** Above, Golf Tip #2: It's helpful to watch where the ball will land. Pete Protolipac and Ray Orosco seem to be looking in different directions.*



** Above, Freshman Winston Kotzan carefully putts the ball.*



SCORES

HIGHLAND	L
GRIFFITH	L
GAVIT	L
ANDREAN	L
N. NEWTON	L
CLARK	W
MUNSTER	L
MORTON	L
BISHOP NOLL	L
RIVER FOREST	L
BOONE GROVE	L
HANOVER	L

Jim Kist

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SCORES

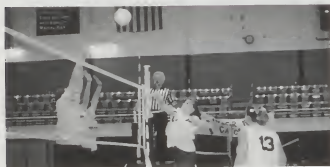
CLARK	W
GAVIT	W
GRIFFITH	W
HAMMOND	W
NOLL	L
HIGHLAND	L
ANDREAN	L
CALUMET	L
HEBRON	L
MUNSTER	L

* Below, Concentrating on her opponent's serve, Joy Furtado quickly awaits the ball in her court.

* Below, coach, Coach Donovan gives his team advice.



* Below, Spiking the ball over the heads of Bishop Noll defenders, Mandy Trent scores another point.



FRESHMEN VOLLEYBALL

SPIKE ONE, SPIKE TWO, SPIKE THREE

The players on the freshmen volleyball team worked really hard this season. The team started out great, but unfortunately it struggled at the end. The girls never gave up, however, which shows the team's desire to succeed.

Some of the highlights for the players were meeting new people and getting a chance to

become better at the sport of volleyball itself.

Helping kids become better people as well as better players is what Coach Donovan likes best about coaching. The girls said some of their best games were against Gavit, Clark, and Griffith. Lauren Curosh said, "As a team some of our best games were the ones we lost but played real hard."



* The 1999 Freshmen Girls Volleyball Team. Row 1: Shannon Wilson and Mandy Trent. Row 2: Stephanie Welch, Shellee Hemm, and Valerie Snyder. Row 3: Lauren Curosh, Coach Donovan, and Joy Furtado.

* Below, The 1999 J.V. Volleyball Team. Row One: Raquel Esteban and Amanda Smith. Row Two: Chrissy Banas, Laura Fisher, Coach Andrea Nichols, Nely Cervantes, and Amy Atteberry. Row Three: Kathryn Papach, Shannon Wilson, Myllee Hemm, and Bobbie Jo Rutherford. Row Four: Gianna Rossi and Jamie Menzyk.



J.V. VOLLEYBALL

NEW COACH HELPS UNDERCLASSMEN GAIN EXPERIENCE

The junior varsity team had a lot of ups and downs this season, along with a lot of changes. Besides having to step up, the younger players gained a new coach to help rebuild the team, **Andrea Nichols**. Sophomore **Amy Atteberry** said, "Andrea showed us lots of new things, which we should be doing at the J.V. level." Nichols brought along much volleyball knowledge and helped the J.V. to play more like a team. Some of the highlights of the season were the win against Gavitt and the win against rival Clark. Even though the junior varsity team lost the first game in their tournament, it was said to be the best game they played all year. "I hope that next year is as great as this year was," said sophomore **Laura Fisher**.

SCORES

WASH. TWP.	W
E.C. CENTRAL	W
MERRILLVILLE	L
LAKE STATION	W
MORGAN TWP.	W
CALUMET	L
LA CROSSE	W
HIGHLAND	L
MORTON	L
WHEEL	L
ANDREAN	L
HORACE MANN	W
CLARK	W
LOWELL	L
KOUTS	W
GAVITT	W
MUNSTER	L
HAMMOND	W
WEST SIDE	W
BISHOP NOLL	L
GRIFFITH	L
GARY ROOSEVELT	W
HEBRON	L
HANOVER	L

J.V. TOURNEY

GRIFFITH L

RECORD 12-13



* Above, Looking to serve an ace is sophomore **Amy Atteberry**.



* Above, Sophomores **Gianna Rossi** and **Nely Cervantes** eagerly anticipate their opponent's serve.



* Above, Planning strategy during a crucial moment in the game against Clark, the team gets themselves find up.



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J.V. FOOTBALL

A YEAR TO REMEMBER

The junior varsity football team had an impressive year. The team worked hard and it paid off. They ended the season with a record of 5-3-1.

Over the last few years the coaching staff has set a very high standard for their football and school organizations. Not only have they instilled a

sense of excellence, pride, and tradition, but they saw what could be accomplished when a group of coaches and athletes work together toward a common goal.

SCORES

CALUMET	T
RIVER FOREST	W
SOUTH CENTRAL	L
MORTON	W
LAKE STATION	W
GAVIT	W
CALUMET	L
BISHOP NOLL	W
CLARK	L

OVERALL: 5-3-1



★ Left, The team celebrates as they leave the field after a big win over rival Bishop Noll.

★ Right, The 1999 Junior Varsity Football Team.



★ Right, The defense is about to bust their way across the line of scrimmage.



SCORES

WASH. TWP.	L
L. STATION	L
LACROSSE	L
WESTVILLE	W
CALUMET	W
HAN. CENTRAL	L
HIGHLAND	L
MORTON	L
HEBRON	L
ANDREAN	L
CLARK	W
LOWELL	L
GAVIT	W
MUNSTER	L
HAMMOND HIGH	L
BISHOP NOLL	L
NORTH NEWTON	L
GRIFFITH	L
M.C. MARQUETTE	L
RIVER FOREST	L

FINAL RECORD

4-17

BOYS JV BASKETBALL

TEAM IMPROVES RECORD FROM LAST YEAR

The JV basketball team improved by one game from the previous year. That's a lot considering the conditions. Sometimes the team had to play with only six players. Out of the six players, most of them were either freshmen or playing with injuries. "I'm happy about how the season turned out because we improved upon last year's record," stated junior **Pete Protolipac**. With this past season in the books, the team looks to come back and win with experienced sophomores and new talent in the freshmen ranks.



* Below, Sophomore **Chad Boland** watches the action as he waits to be put in the game.



* Below, Junior **Osbaldo Santos** jumps high against Marquette.



* Above, The JV Basketball Team: Coach **Donovan**, **Bobby Miller**, **Fran Raycroft**, **Vinny Donovan**, **Chad Boland**, **Pete Protolipac**, and **Dan Toleikis**.

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"C" TEAM

BASKETBALL

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

The girls' basketball "C" team had its ups-and-downs this year, but it gained much experience which can be used in years to come. "I was scared to play JV because I was afraid I would mess up the team," said sophomore **Gianna**

Rossi, "but I learned a lot on "C" team and I gained experience as well.

In addition, the team learned to work together since many of them are friends off the court as well as on.



* Above, The 1999-2000 Lady Oiler "C" Team: Row One: Joy Furto, Mandy Trent, Shellee Hemm, and Lauren Curosh. Row Two: Coach Sara Reed, Crystal Miller, Courtney Oswald, Katie Papach, Gianna Rossi, Suzy Boyle, and Coach Dan Nichols.



* Left, Captains sophomore **Gianna Rossi** and freshman **Lauren Curosh** listen to what the referees have to say.



* Above, Running an out-of-bounds play in hopes of getting open are sophomore **Courtney Oswald** and freshman **Shellee Hemm**.



* Above, Freshmen **Lauren Curosh** and **Joy Furto** and sophomore **Katie Papach** go up for a rebound against **Clark**.

* Below, Making sure her hands are in the right position to sink the shot is freshman **Joy Furto**.



SCORES

BISHOP NOLL	L
HEBRON	L
GRIFFITH	L
HIGHLAND	L
LOWELL	L
ANDREAN	L
CLARK	W
MUNSTER	L

RECORD 1-7

SCORES

CLARK	W	MORTON	L
BISHOP NOLL	L	MC MARQ.	W
WESTVILLE	W	ANDREAN	L
GRIFFITH	L	CLARK	W
WASH. TWP.	W	LACROSSE	W
LAKE STATION	W	WHEELER	W
MORGAN TWP.	W	GAVIT	W
CALUMET	W	HAMMOND	W
HIGHLAND	L	HEBRON	L
LOWELL	L	MUNSTER	L

OVERALL RECORD 12-8

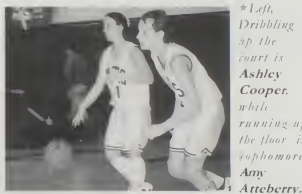
GIRLS J.V. BASKETBALL

HARD WORK PAYS OFF

The girls junior varsity had a great season. Going 12-8 and beating Gavit were a few accomplishments this year. With nine returning players and some new faces from the freshmen and sophomore classes, they were able to earn their winning record by hard work and teamwork. "It was a lot of fun and I learned so much. I can't wait for next season!" said freshman Lauren Curosh.

The girls having played together for two years, some more than that, were a great team and understood each other well. They understood the style of each player and adjusted to those styles. Some sacrifices were necessary, but they all paid off in the end. Good luck to the J.V. team next year and may they strive to beat this year's successful record.

** Left, Attempting to dribble around Clark's defense to set up the junior varsity's offense is sophomore guard Gianna Rossi.*



** Left, Dribbling up the court is Ashley Cooper, while running up the floor is sophomore Amy Atteberry.*



** Above, 1999-2000 JV Team. Row One: Amber Werth, Jamie Mienzyk, Ashley Cooper, Amy Atteberry and Nely Cervantes. Row Two: Coach Dan Nichols, Lauren Curosh, Bobbie Jo Rutherford, Gianna Rossi and Coach Sara Reed. Row Three: Shellee Hemm, Mandy Trent, Joy Furto, Katie Papach, Courtney Oswald, Suzy Boyle and Crystal Miller.*

** Right, Trying to pass the ball over her opponent is sophomore forward Crystal Miller.*



Michelle J. Kubi

SCORES

LAKE STATION	L	CLARK	L
RIVER FOREST	L	LOWELL	L
CALUMET	L	MUNSTER	L
HIGHLAND	L	HAMMOND	L
MORTON	L	BISHOP NOLL	L
ANDREAN	L	GRIFFITH	L

SEASON TOTAL
0-12

★ Below, After a successful rebound, Vinnie Donovan brings the ball up court to start his team's offense.



FRESHMEN BOYS

BASKETBALL

A LEARNING SEASON

This year the freshman basketball team started off with a loss and ended with a loss. The team ended the season with a 0-12 record. One of the many key players on the team was Dan Toleikis, who showed good handling.

"Even though the season was not successful as far as wins...no matter what group we had out there, they always gave me their best," said Coach Rodgers.

★ Right, Two Points!! What a jump shot by Eric Curosh!

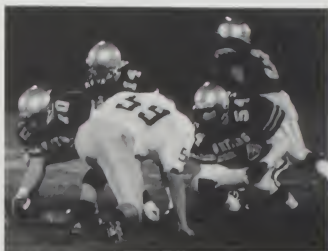
★ Below, The 1999-2000 Boys JV Basketball Team. Top Row: Dan Toleikis, Vinnie Donovan, Eddie Boyle, Eric Curosh. Bottom Row: David Franco, Winston Kotzan, Patrick Delaney, Charles Simmons Not Pictured: Mike Baker and Coach Rodgers.



★ Above, During a timeout Coach Rodgers urges his team to try their hardest and go for the win.

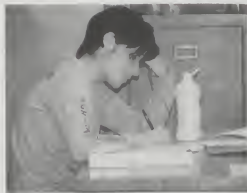


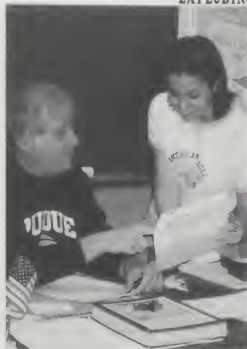
CONGRATS OILERS!



Michelle J. Koblitz

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** Below, Adding the finishing touches to their ceramic projects, juniors Tina Guajardo, Bridget Donovan, and Sara Morando, and Nick Dahm share any excess clay.*



Arts and Crafts

Molding Creativity

In school there aren't too many classes in which a student gets to express themselves, but art is one of the few that they can. "My favorite part is the chance to make my own design on whatever it is we're assigned," said senior **Craig Balling**.

Art is divided into two one-semester classes: ceramics, and arts/crafts. In ceramics, students create a variety of clay figures; and in the semester of arts/crafts, students learn how to needlepoint and make candles. Senior **Jen Matuska** said, "Crafts is better than ceramics because you know what you're making instead of trying to sculpt something yourself. That's why I like crafts better." Along with the requirements for the course, students also make signs for different sports games, choice passes, and decorate for special occasions.

** Below, Brainstorming for his project, senior Sean Coleman draws his idea on paper.*



** Right, Drawing Egyptian symbols isn't always easy, but junior Jenny Young perfects them.*



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* Below, *Receiving the serve, freshman Michelle Beda sets the team up for their next play.*



* Below, *Going over their homework, sophomores Jamie Menzyk and Crystal Miller quickly check their answers before turning it in to their teacher, Mrs. Fritz.*



"My favorite part of health class was the two-week CPR course. What we learned will be very helpful in the future.."

*-Brooke Malkowski,
sophomore*

* Below, *Freshmen Lauren Curosh and Shannon Wilson take a break to walk laps.*



P.E./Health

Exercise your brain

School doesn't only test your mental capabilities, but also your physical abilities as well. This year, as in the past, all freshmen are required to take one year of gym, where they participate in various activities such as bowling, basketball, volleyball and kickball.

After a year of gym, sophomores are required to take one full semester of health with Mr. Segodovic or Mrs. Fritz. In health, students learn about the effects that different drugs have on the body and learn how to perform basic CPR and first aid.



* Above, *Awaiting to see if the shot goes in, freshmen boys buddle around the basket and get ready for the rebound.*



* Above, *Working towards the basket, freshman Chris Wargo looks for an opening.*

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Industrial Technology

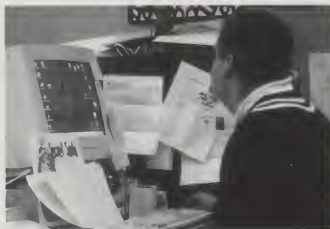
Whistle While You Work

The industrial arts classes are designed to help students prepare for a job in computers or help students develop craftsmanship skills in woodworking. In communication systems classes, students create a variety of projects from slideshows to posters using the latest technologies. Students in these classes also create programs for games and events and print *The Tattler* on a bi-weekly basis. "Communication systems is the best class I've ever had. I've learned so much from Coach Cain. He's also the best teacher I've ever had," said junior **Eric Winn**. In woods class, students build a variety of objects from shelves to chairs.



* Above, Watch those fingers! Sophomore **Brian Granberg** carefully cuts a piece of wood for his current project.

* Right, Juniors **Isaac Hernandez** and **Osbaldo Santos** use the computers to create their slideshows.



* Above, **Mr. Cain** boots up his computer to check out semester grades.

* Right, Junior **Mike Llerena** works on his PowerPoint presentation.



* Above, It's hammer time. Sophomore **Eric Drewniak** puts together a beautifully handcrafted spice rack.



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★ *Left, Sophomore Dan Montantes is being interviewed by potential employer Mrs. Lemon during career class.*

★ *Below, Mrs. Lemon checks to see if her accounting class is on the right track.*



★ *Above, Business isn't all fun and games on the computer as shown by sophomore Bobby Miller who is working on a hand written assignment.*

Business

Preparing for life

Whiting High School offers a variety of business classes in which students learn skills which they may use beyond high school. This year, careers class was added to the curriculum. Students researched careers, completed resumes and cover letters, and participated in mock job interviews.

"Careers (class) really helped me figure out what was out there and all the choices I really

had," said sophomore **Jen Pierzchalski**. Sophomore **Jamie Menzyk** agreed, "This class really does help you prepare for a job career."

Other business classes were also beneficial to students as well. "Accounting is a difficult class, but it will really help all of us in the future. I'm pursuing a career in business management, so I know everything I learned will be especially helpful," said senior **Kim Abrego**.



★ *Above, Sophomores Jeff Mis and Dan Montantes prepare for their upcoming job interviews.*

Mathematics

Count me in!

Here at Whiting High School, students have a variety of math classes to choose from; some of which include college level courses. The math classes include the following: math skills, pre-algebra, Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, pre-calculus, and calculus.

Since two to three years of math is required to graduate, students are exposed to many different types of courses.

"Having Mr. Sorota as a teacher helps make our pre calculus class run a little smoother, only because of his crazy jokes," said junior **Chrissy Matejko**.

"Mr. Laub is the best teacher I have ever had. I really understand math concepts this year. He explains the work really well," said junior **Eric Winn**.

* Right, *Superman*! **Margaret Moreno** pays attention to Mr. Laub's math lessons hoping to be here for the final.



* I know, I'm not. **Ian Aredondo** sits quietly, thinking over her pre-calculus class.



* Really, *Superman*! **Tony Wilson** explains what his geometry notes mean, making sure he's got the most important information.

Science

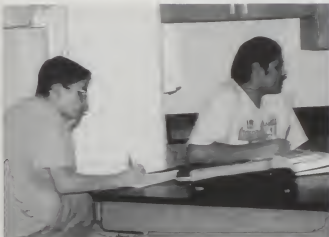
Exploring New Frontiers

No matter what classes you take at WHS, you are in for a challenge. In addition to traditional lecture, the science teachers plan a variety of activities and labs which will give students hands on learning experience which help them to apply the concepts they are learning.

"Even though Bio I isn't my favorite subject, Mr. Nichols really helps the students learn," said sophomore **Leslie Garcia**. "I feel that Earth/Space is a very important class, but I wish I would have spent more time paying attention," said junior **Mike Llerena**.



* Junior, **Tina Guajardo** and **Shannon Filipek** hold a paper model of molecules created in chemistry class.



* Junior, **Jeff Mis** and **Alejandro Miramontes** work on a laboratory assignment about **Mr. Nichols** of **Levin**.



* Varsity, sophomore **Crystal Miller**, junior **Jay Coleman** and sophomore **Jamie Menzyk** concentrate on working hard on their lab.



* Varsity, Junior, **Nicole Arredondo** and **Maghen Carroll** are collaborating.



* Varsity, Sophomore, **Leslie Garcia** and **Miriam Lopez** with her assignment.



* Varsity, **Mrs. Buck** is the teacher's final exam.

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Social Studies

Our past, our present and our future

History! History! History! is just one of the subject areas in social studies where students learn a vast amount of information about our past and how it affects our future. Besides history, students in econ study the stock market and learn about about credit. By studying maps, geography students learn about different geographical locations, and in current problems, students discuss many of the important issues which face them and our world today.



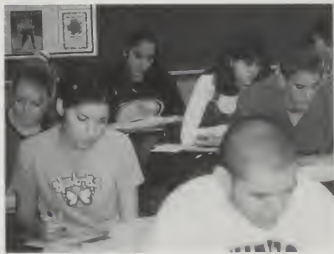
★ Above, Junior Ashley Cooper looks to peer for Pete Protolipac for a little help on her worksheet.



★ Left, Seniors Jennie Matuska, (far left) and Michelle Kobli, Nicole Condy, and Jackie Benko (center) study to get an A+ on their next test.



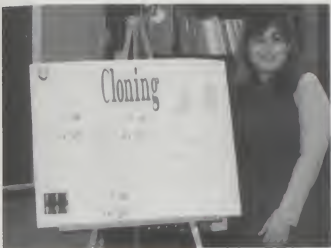
★ Above, Mr. Vrabel's third hour class is focused on their work.



★ Above, This history class studies about the Civil War.

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Below, Proudly displaying her visual aid which complements her persuasive speech is sophomore Nikki Morando.



** Below, This group of juniors works to finish an in-class assignment by the end of the hour.*



** Above, Seniors Mandy Blastick and David Singh compare notes while completing their research papers in Advanced English 12.*

** Below, While in the library, freshman Isaac Barerra concentrates on his assignment for Mr. Moynihan.*



English

Learning skills that last a lifetime

Every year each student has to take an English class, and for many, these English classes get more difficult as time goes on. Students must write compositions, learn many vocabulary words, and read literature. The reward for all of this hard work is not only the satisfaction of getting a good grade, but also

being able to use the skills they've learned for the rest of their lives. "English is very difficult, but we still have fun in first hour," said

junior Gabby Alvarez.

"It may be hard, but it can be really fun and interesting once you learn it," said sophomore Ryan Cogdill.



** Above, Miss Guaccio is hurried in her work. Everyone knows how exciting those vocab lessons can be!*

Veronica Melgosa

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Spanish

Espanoles divertido

The Spanish classes had fun while facing the challenge of learning a new language. "Even though Spanish III was a tough class, I'll never forget Leon's stories and the cheater song," stated junior **Kara Krask**.

Classes translated stories into English and vice versa. "Spanish was an interesting class where I learned a lot of useful information which I am sure will be imperative to life after high school," said senior **Nick Herring**.

"I think Spanish is a good class because we learn something new every day, even as a native speaker," said sophomore **Leslie Garcia**.

Sophomore **Vianey Luna** agreed, "I learned a lot of new vocabulary--even words that I thought I already knew. It's really been a helpful class."

* Below, Sophomore **Robert Miller** reads silently as the rest of the class has fun.



* Below, Sophomore **Nikki Morando** helps fellow sophomore **Robert Velez** with some verb conjugation homework.



* Below, Juniors **Shannon Filipek**, **Martiza Galaviz** and **Tina Guajardo** study together before they take a test.



* Above, Junior **John Vujko** eats a taco while sporting a sombrero during the Spanish class festivities.

German

* Below, Turning *robot* classmates, freshman **Vinnie Donovan** asks if he has the translation of the words "my favorite color."



Willst du nach Deutschland mitkommen?

German, one of the languages taught here at Whiting, is very challenging. Every day German students face the difficult tasks of learning vocab, writing words, and learning the culture. To help with these tasks, students watch videos and read stories about teenage life in Germany. This year, German III and IV students are also learning about German immigrants in America. With less than 15 students in each class, students can receive all the help they need to achieve success. "In most cases, German is very different from English, but in some cases, it is very much the same. This makes it difficult to learn," said sophomore **Ryan Cogdill**.

* Below, "We know how to do it right!" say German II students to German III students.



* Above, The second hour German II class listens attentively as **Frau Leonhardt** explains the different cultures in Germany.



* Above, Junior **Rachel Gorman** asks **Frau** to check her spelling.

Bridget Elze

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**Below: The jazz band rocks the house with Christmas songs.*



Band

"I don't wanna work -- I just wanna bang on the drum all day."

Band is an extra curricular activity as well as a class at Whiting High School. Under the direction of Mr. Robert Kuhn, they play at ALL of the home football and basketball games during pregame and halftime. Each year the band participates in several holiday parades, and a few other parades in the summer. In May of 2000 the band participated once again in the Music Around the Parks. This is a competition held near Great America, in which the band competes

against other schools from other states for a trophy. At the end of the school year the band plays at graduation. Although it takes much dedication, for the most part band is very enjoyable. There is never a dull moment. "I enjoy playing in all the parades. I also enjoy pep band. The class itself is fun," said sophomore **Jessica Halliar**

**Right: Junior Pete Protolipac concentrates hard on not losing his drumstick during a basketball game, as was one of his trademark blunders.*



** Above: Getting ready for another spectacular performance is the Whiting High School pep band under the direction of Mr. Robert Kunz.*



★ *Below, The choir reaches perfect pitch during one of their many performances.*

Choir

For the love of the music

For most of us, school is over when the 3:05 p.m. bell rings. For the choir members, however, there is still one hour to go. Choir is one of two zero hour classes in which students voluntarily stay for an extra hour so that they may use their vocal talents to perform in various productions. While most students don't mind staying that extra hour, some wish

that choir could be offered as a class during the regular school day. During the year, the choir performs in concerts and shows, and its members are also given the opportunity to participate in ISSMA, an annual vocal competition. "My most memorable moment is when I sang at ISSMA and received a first place on my solo," said sophomore **Courtney Oswald**.

★ *Below, Sophomores Laura Fisher and Courtney Oswald memorize the lyrics to their songs.*

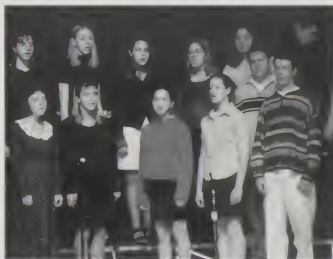
★ *Below, Sophomores Ry Tothan, Dennis Wright and Ryan Cogdill practice three-part harmony.*



★ *Left, Senior Vanessa Perez receives some advice from music teacher Mrs. Reinhart*



★ *Right, Members of the choir perform in their annual Christmas concert. The high school choir teamed up with the Nathan Hale choir to put on a delightful show.*



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* Below, Co-editors **Jenny Young** and **Charlie Brewer** proofread stories before the paper is released.

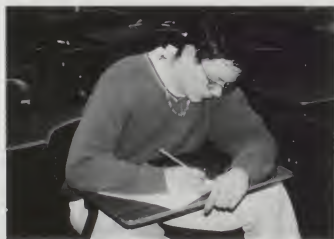


Tattler

Spreading the News

Between having meetings and passing out *The Tattler* every third Friday, the staff has a lot of work to do. The stories you read in *The Tattler* take lots of thought. The students write a number of

drafts, hold interviews, and take pictures to provide us with school news. "Tattler is a lot different than what I had expected; it takes a lot more work," said Co-Editor **Charlie Brewer**.



* Above, Senior **Jared Hobson** compiles his quotes and statistics for his baseball story.



* Above, Layout Editor **Eric Winn** puts together next week's *Tattler*.



* Above, Junior **Pete Protolipac** copies some info for his sports story.



* Above, Senior **Dave Curosh** types his news article to meet his deadline.

Reflector

*Keeping the
memories alive*

With only one returning Reflector staff member, this year's staff is practically a whole new one. With about 25 members, it's also the largest staff it's been in years. Despite its inexperience, the staff worked hard to put together a book they hope students will enjoy. "I learned to care about the work I do in this class and that it is important because we're making a piece of history," said senior Yola Casillas.



* Above left, Editor **Bridget Elza** proofreads a layout, making sure it doesn't have any mistakes.



* Above, Seniors **Yolanda Casillas** and **Jimmy Rudy** take a look at last year's yearbook to get good ideas for their layouts.



* Left, Junior **Alicia Melgoza** checks the size of her pictures so that they fit into her layout.



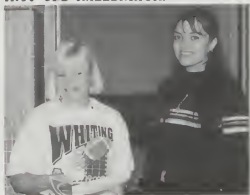
* Above, Seniors **Michelle Kobli** and **Sarah Puhk** practice cropping their pictures for their layouts.



* Above, Ads Editor **Tanya Anaya** puts her signature on the letters sent out to businesses for ad purchases.

Tanya Anaya

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Staff and Administration

Leading Whiting High School into the new century



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Mr. Gerald McCullum



2000 School Board
Trustees



Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Sandra Martinez



Principal
Mr. Dirk Hick



School Counselor
Mr. Robert Nlosek



Truancy Officer
Mr. Bruce Stewart



Main Office Staff
Mrs. Leyba, Mrs. Justak, Mrs. Wilson



Whiting Central
Office Staff

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*Nurse
Sandra Gulwa*



*Assistant Nathan Wilson and Technology
Director "Bigg" Don Kaminsky*



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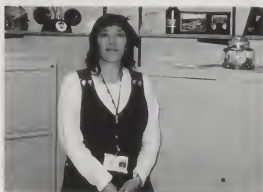


*Bus
Drivers*



** Left, Mr. Hick presents Mrs.
Turpin with a WHS chair she won
in a raffle.*

** Right, Content with her work,
Mrs. Fransisco pushes her cart
down the hall.*



** Left, Mrs. Beyba
takes time out of her
busy schedule to smile.*

** Right, Working away
the hours is Mrs.
Wilson.*



Bridget Elza

Teachers and Staff

Those Who Make It Possible



* **Mrs. Baxter**
* Special Education teacher
* 5 Years



* **Mrs. Bock**
* Biology I, II
Middle School
* 5 Years



* **Mr. Cain**
* Communication Systems; Copy Production; Middle School
* 12 Years



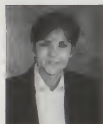
* **Mr. Donovan**
* Current Problems & Economics; Government; Psychology; Sociology
* 3 Years



* **Ms. Harris**
* Advanced English 12; English 12; English Skills
* 14 Years



* **Mrs. Fritz**
* Physical Education; Health; Middle School
* 25 Years



* **Miss Guaccio**
* Advanced English 11; English 10, 11
* 9 Years



* **Mrs. Herochik**
* Calculus, Geometry; Pre-Calculus
* 5 Years



* **Mr. Hruskocy**
* Athletic Director;
* Geography
* 2 Years



* **Ms. Hylek**
* Advanced English 10; Communication Arts
* Tattler; Reflector
* 3 Years



* **Mrs. Kiochan**
* Spanish I-III
* 10 Years



* **Mrs. Kobli**
* Computer Tech Aid; Long Distance Learning Coordinator
* 3 Years



* **Mr. Kubnz**
* Band
* Middle School; Nathan Hale
* 10 Years



* **Mr. Laub**
* Algebra I, II
* Athletic Director
* 10 Years



* **Miss Lemon**
* Accounting I, II; Business Law; Business Management; Careers; Middle School
* 17 Years

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* **Mr. Benz**
* Algebra I;
Pre-Algebra,
Investigative Geo-
metry
* 4 Years



* **Mrs. Leonhardt**
* German I-IV
* 12 Years



* **Mr. Bong**
* Chemistry I, II;
Earth/Space Science;
VGA
* 4 Years



* **Mrs. Mindas**
* Art I, II; Cera-
mics/Crafts;
Middle School
* 11 Years



* **Mrs. Moskalick**
* Special Education
 Aide
* 2 Years



* **Mr. Moynihan**
* Advanced English
9, English 9, 10
* 4 Years



* **Mr. Nichols**
* Biology I, II;
Middle School
* 5 Years



* **Mr. Rebey**
* Computers in
Design and Produ-
ction; Manu-
facturing; Middle
School
* 34 Years



* **Mrs. Reinhart**
* Choir;
Nathan Hale
* 10 Years



* **Mr. Segudovic**
* Health; Physical
Education; Middle
School
* 3 Years



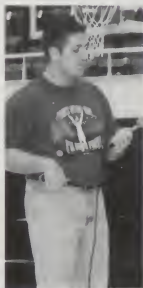
* **Ms. Sheldon**
* Librarian
* 32 Years



* **Mr. Sorota**
* Physical Sci-
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Math Skills
* 35 Years



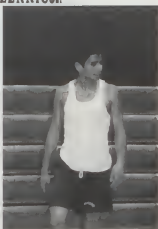
* **Mr. Urabel**
* U.S. History
* 29 Years



★ Above, WHS teachers Mr. Sorota, Mr. Laub, Mr. Donovan, and Mrs. Harris function in a variety of roles.

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*The 2000 Freshmen Class Officers: President **Bryan Condy**, Secretary **Shannon Wilson**, Treasurer **Sarah Rodgers**, Vice President **Lauren Curoth**.*



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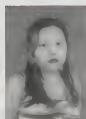
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*Isaac
Barrera*



*Candice
Bartley*



*Demetria
Beaulieu*



*Michelle
Beda*



*Edward
Boyle*



*Maghen
Carroll*



*Megan
Castle*



*Rachel
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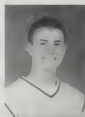
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*David
Franco*



*Joy
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Agnieszka Sotak



*Jonathan
Gomez*



*Shellee
Hemm*



*Krystle
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*Derek
Horsley*



*Jason
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*Jose
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*Jennifer
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*Craig
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*Miriam
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*Nicole
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*Rick J.
McNinch*



*Elizabeth
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*Charles
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*Jason
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*Megan
Palko*



*Sarah
Polak*



*Nicholas
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*Alejandro
Reyes*



*Sarah
Rodgers*



*Ann
Rodriguez*



*Lucinda
Rodriguez*



*Ricardo
Rodriguez*



*Erica
Ruiz*



*Charles
Simmons*



*Valerie
Snyder*



*Ralph
Steiger*



*Tracy
Stevens, Jr.*



*Ashley
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*Joseph
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*Paul
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*Daniel
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*Mandy
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*Steven
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Above, The 1999-2000 Sophomore Class Officers. *Raquel Beyba*, treasurer; *Xely Cervantes*, president; *Chrissy Banas*, secretary; and *Eilia Castelan*, vice-president.





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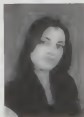
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Boland*



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*Xely
Cervantes*



*Ryan
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*James
Conley*



*Juana
Cossyleon*



*Gregory
Cruz, Jr.*



*Joshua
Dado*



*Eric
DeBacy*



*Brian
Delgado*



*Eric
Drewniak*



*Laurie
Edwards*



*Nicole
Fetsis*



*Sean
Finegan*



*Laura
Fisher*



*Leslie
Garcia*



*Alberto
Grageda*



*Brian
Granberg*



*Jessica
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*Amanda
Harris*

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*Paul
Honeycutt*



*Peter
Honeycutt*



*Ryan
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*Brian
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*Terry
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*Raquel
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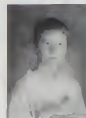
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*Jeffrey
Mis*



*Daniel
Montantes*



*Nicole
Morando*



*Courtney
Oswald*



*Kathryn
Papach*



*Jenifer
Pierzchalski*



*Francis
Raycroft*



*Sylvia
Reynoso*



*Stephanie
Roberts*



*Gianna
Rossi*



*Jorge
Ruiz*



*Bobbie Jo
Rutherford*



*Adrian
Sanchez*



*Miguel
Santos*



*Amanda
Smith*



*Michelle
Smith*



*Justin
Taylor*



*Jason
Tokoly*



*Ry Lee
Torhan*



*Edwin
Trinidad*



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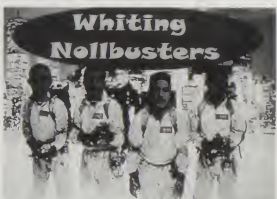
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** Above, Junior Class Officers: Robby Urabel, treasurer; Rachel Gorman, secretary; Jenny Young, vice-president; and Suzy Boyle, president.*



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*Gabriela
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*Tanya
Anaya*



*Robert
Arredondo*



*Susan
Boyle*



*Charles
Brewer*



*Stevan
Callas*



*Jason
Coleman*



*Dwain
Cook*



*Ashley
Cooper*



*Lori
Cox*



*Katherine
DeBuna*



*Bridget
Donovan*



*Bridget
Elza*



*Shannon
Filipek*



*Marissa
Ford*



*Maritza
Galaviz*



*Paul
Garcia*



*Leilani
Gomez*



*Danielle
Goodman*



*Rachel
Gorman*



*Karla
Grageda*



*Tina
Guajardo*



*Veronica
Gutierrez*



*Stefanie
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*April
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Irvine*



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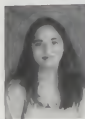
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*Nora
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*Desire
Morrison*



*Jessica
Nagy*



*Raymond
Oroscio*



*Peter
Protolipac*



*Kevin
Rigg*



*Rachel
Rodgers*



*James
Roman*



*Shaun
Sanchez*



*Osbaldo
Santos*



*Agnes
Solak*



*Kelly
Stolman*



*Heather
Thorgren*



*Robert
Urabel*



*Jonathan
Ujko*



*Eric
Winn*



*Jennifer
Young*



* Above, Gathering in the cafeteria, the junior class proudly displays their Oiler pride on Crazy Hair Day during Spirit Week.



* Above, Abby Irvine, Marissa Ford, Heather Thorgren and Ashley Cooper cheer on the team.

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* Class of 2000 Senior Class Officers: *Mandy Blastick* secretary; *Matt Dado* vice president; *David Curosh* president; and *Sarah Bu Pubek* treasurer.



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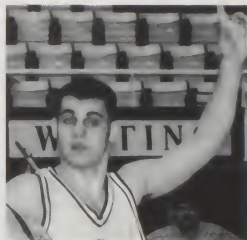
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**"THE KEY TO
HAPPINESS IS HAVING
DREAMS - THE KEY TO
SUCCESS IS MAKING
THEM COME TRUE."**

- CLASS MOTTO

"KIMMY"

Poms/Flags 2, Art Club 2 3,
Spanish Club 1 2 3,
Homecoming Court 4,
Homecoming Queen 4
LIKES: Shopping, dancing,
spending time with friends,
white roses, straight forward
people, the color purple
DISLIKES: Liars, arguing,
people who don't mind their
own business **FUTURE**
PLANS: Attend college and
major in Business Mgmt., get
a good paying job, travel to
many places, eventually get
married and have a family, and
just have a happy and fun life.



*Kimberly
Ann Abrego*

"TANA, LIMPY"

Gunderson High School 1,
Cheerleader 1, Poms/Flags
3, Art Club 3, SADD Club 3
4, Booster Club 3, FBLA 3
4, Stock Team 3, Spanish
Club 2 3, Reflector 4,
Drama Production 3
LIKES: California, money,
Mercedes Benz, my
sidekicks on Gee and
Sparticus **DISLIKES:** Fake
friends, jacked up teeth,
liars, sheep **FUTURE**
PLANS: Travel for a bit,
move to sunny California,
go to college, be
successful, and own my
own silver Mercedes Benz.



*Tanya Rose
Adair*

"CRAIG MACK"

Basketball 3, Baseball 1 2,
FBLA 1 2 3 4, German Club 1
2, Reflector 3, Sectionals
Court 2, Scholastic All-Star--
Business **LIKES:** Reggae,
punk rock, tattoos,
shamrocks, hot fries, belly
rings, khakis, money, food,
WOMEN DISLIKES: Foolish
fools, Frummunda cheese,
White Castles before bed
FUTURE PLANS: College,
have fun, make money, drive
a Lexus, have kids, grow old
and grey, retire, live on free
money.



*Craig Allan
Balling*

Industrial Arts Club 3,
Spanish Club 2 **LIKES:**
Food (especially Italian),
friends, fun, cars,
motorcycles and anything
else motorized, animals,
brunettes **DISLIKES:**
School, backstabbers,
things that break, people
that do dumb things on
purpose
FUTURE PLANS:
Undecided



*Michael
Andrew Beda*



*Jacquelyn
Michelle Benko*

"JAX"

Volleyball 1 2 3 4, Captain
4, MVP 4, Softball 1 2 3 4,
Stats 3 4, Booster Club 4,
Class Officer 1, Who's Who
1 2 3 4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3
4, Homecoming Court 4,
Sectionals Court 3 **LIKES:**
Volleyball, Olive Garden,
going out with my friends,
movies **DISLIKES:** Two-
faced stupid people, mayo,
computers **FUTURE
PLANS:** I'm not sure what
I want to do, but I do want to
live in a big house on a
beach and have lots of
money. Maybe some kids
later on.



*Mandy Jo
Blastick*

"BARBIE"

Cheerleader 1, SADD 2 3 4,
Environmental 1, Booster 1,
FBLA 3 4, German 1 2 3,
Class Officer 2 3 4, Student
Council 1 2 3 4, NHS 3 4,
Choir 1, Academic Team 3 4,
HGS 3, DARE 3 4, Who's
Who 1 2 3 4, Top Ten 3 4,
Principal's Leadership,
Hoosier Scholar, Senate
page **LIKES:** Boy bands, my
lunch table, guys, pink,
dancing, DC's, our calculus
class **DISLIKES:** Fake
people, physics, and fast
food **FUTURE PLANS:**
Attend IU, be successful,
have a happy and fulfilling
life.



*Yolanda
Casillas*

"YOLA"

Booster Club 4, Spanish
Club 3, German Club 2,
Reflector 4 **LIKES:** Guys,
money, cars, chocolate
chip cookies, shopping,
fashion, watermelon, going
on vacation, "Hollywood"
DISLIKES: Lies, people
who stare, BK **FUTURE
PLANS:** Turn into a famous
Hollywood star and travel
all around the world, but,
I'm going to go to college in
the meantime.

"C-DAWG, SHAGGY"

Basketball 1 2 3 4, Cross
Country 3 4, Baseball 1 2 3 4,
D.A.R.E. Role Model 4
LIKES: Music, money,
playing drums, X Country,
swimming, drawing,
Shakey's, video games,
Monty Python, tattoos, and I
LOVE SARAH. DISLIKES:
School, annoying people,
wrinkles in my clothes,
people with big egos,
criticism, two-faced people,
fights with Sarah **FUTURE
PLANS:** Attend the American
Academy of Art and live a
successful life outside of
Indiana with Sarah.



*Sean Robert
Coleman*

"NIC, COND"

Basketball 1 2 3 4, Softball 1 2
3 4, Stats 3 4, Art Club 1 2 3,
Booster Club 3 4, Spanish Club
1 2 3, "W" Club 1 2 3 4,
Reflector 4, Prom Princess 3,
Student of the Month: October
4. **LIKES:** #10, Softball, green,
hanging out with friends,
eating, sleeping, Italian food,
JEEPS!, Empire Boyd
DISLIKES: The color pink,
getting up early, being sick,
orange cones **FUTURE
PLANS:** I plan on attending
college and becoming a
teacher or something that
involves kids and getting out
of Whiting.



*Nicole Ann
Condry*

"DAVE, BUBBLE BOY"

Basketball 1 2 3 4, Cross
Country 3, Baseball 1 2, Stats 1
2 3 4, Art 2 3, FBLA 2 3 4, Stock
Team 3, Spanish 1 2 3, "W" 3 4,
Physics 4, Class Officer 4, NHS
3 4, Tatt/Ref 4, Academic Team
1 2 3 4, HBS 3, D.A.R.E. 3 4,
Who's Who 1 2 3 4, Top Ten 3 4,
Prom Prince 3 **LIKES:**
Basketball, Chicago Cubs,
fantasy baseball, Chicago Bears
DISLIKES: Hypocrites, 8-20-99,
Loading pop machines
FUTURE PLANS: Attend
Purdue Calumet and double
major in finance and
marketing.



*David
Joseph Curosh*



*Matthew
Robert Dado*

Basketball 1 2 3 4, Baseball 1 2, Wrestling 1, Art Club 2 3, Booster Club 3 4, Stock Team 2 3, Industrial Arts Club 1 2 3, Spanish Club 1 2 3, Class Officer 2 3 4, Student Council 1 2 3 4, Tattler 3, Academic Team 2 3, D.A.R.E. Role Model 3, Who's Who 2 3 4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3 4, Homecoming Court 3 4, Sectionals Court 3, **LIKES:** Basketball, the Crew, boycotts **DISLIKES:** Liars, two-faced people, physics, our cafeteria **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to college, get a degree in business or engineering, lead a happy and successful life.

**"CURLY SUE,
MANDY"**

Morton High School 1 2 3, Choir 1 2 3 4, Sectionals Court 4 **LIKES:** Hanging out with my friends, going dancing, shopping and watching movies **DISLIKES:** People who don't like to have fun, babysitting for my brothers **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to college, get a good paying job, live somewhere nice and hot, live a fun and healthy life.



*Amanda
Duron*



*Nicholas
James Dahm*

**"POSSOM,
ZBIGNIEW"**

Cross Country 1, Art Club 3, German Club 1 2 3, Boys State Delegate 3, Academic Letter Winner **LIKES:** Musik, my guitar, NOFX, girls with short hair, new guitar strings, really fast music, punk, ska, tattoos, stickers for my car, patches, really fast cars, the Simpsons **DISLIKES:** Drama Queens, hypocrites, old guitar strings, being broke **FUTURE PLANS:** Make a living doing what I love, which is being in a punk band. Live in a big city. Be an Albino Elephant Trainer.

"EDGE, SPEDGE"

Basketball 1 2, Football 1 2 3 4: Captain 4, Baseball 1, Student Council 1 2, Band 4, Academic Team 1 2 3, Academic Letter winner **LIKES:** Playing guitar, music, football, hanging out with Tandra and Dahm **DISLIKES:** Posers, preps, puppets, sell-outs **FUTURES PLANS:** September 29, I leave for Fort Leonard-Wood, Missouri for training to become a military police officer for the army.



*James P.
Edge Jr.*



*Maria Elena
Del Real*

"MAYA"

LIKES: Sleeping, reading, my boyfriend, animals, people who make me laugh, Mexican food, and making Sylvia mad **DISLIKES:** When Sylvia hits me, people who pressure you into doing things, when people scream, crying **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to college, travel the world, move to Jalisco, Mexico; get married and have a family.

"FAST EDDIE"

Academic Team 3, Sectionals Court 4 **LIKES:** Girls, cash, causing trouble, Steve Buscemi, video games, Reebo's class **DISLIKES:** Most of the faculty, back-stabbers, **FUTURE PLANS:** I plan to go to college or a technical school, get a degree in computer programming or computer graphics, get married, have three kids, be very wealthy and powerful, and own my own business.



*Edward
Joseph Gomez*



*Laura
Ann Sulvas*

"SCULVAS, ANN"

Basketball 1 2, Softball 1 2 3 4, Stats 2 3 4, Art Club 2 3, Booster Club 1 2 3 4, Spanish Club 1 2 3, NHS 4, D.A.R.E. Role Model 4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3, Elks Club Student of the Month--September 4, Honor Roll 1 2 3 4 **LIKES:** #3, blue, my family, God, Cubs **DISLIKES:** Two faced/ selfish people, hypocrites, rumors **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend PUC and major in Elementary Education, find a wonderful man to spend the rest of my life with, have children, and move far away from Whiting.



*Michael
Hartman*

"JAREDIA, JOPSON"

Basketball 1 3, Cross Country 1, Golf 1 3 4, Baseball 2, Manager 4, Art Club 2 3 4, SADD Club 1, Spanish Club 1 2, Drama Club 1 2 3 4, Reflector 4, Tattler 4, Choir 3 4, Band 1 2 3 4, Drama Production 1 2 3 4, Academic Team 3, Who's Who 2 3 4, 1st Place for Red Ribbon Week Logo Contest 4 **LIKES:** Music, volleyball, Fazoli's, Clerks, Mallrats, **DISLIKES:** Fubu, big egos, knee surgery, Wisconsin, people who don't like me **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to PUC, start a band, and make a chart-topping hit.



*Jared Bee
Hobson*

Michigan 1, Industrial Arts Club 2 3, Sectionals Court 4 **LIKES:** Parties, cash, people who make me laugh, and more things **DISLIKES:** Homework, people who talk about other people **FUTURE PLANS:** Get a job and move out of this town.



*Thomas
Honeycutt*



*Nicholas D.
Heeringa*

Thorndridge High School 1, Cross Country 2 3 4, NHS 3 4, Reflector 1, Academic Team 4, Boys State Delegate 3, Who's Who 1 2 3 4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3 4 **LIKES:** 2 Posse, running, (LOVES): Metallica, playing guitar, jammin' w/ Sean, Monty Python, Jimmy Tango's Fat Busters, sleep **DISLIKES:** Having to write down what I like and dislike, guitar strings that break, working too much, **FUTURE PLANS:** Run, play music, get rich.

"BONES, MITCH"

Basketball 1 2 3 4, Captain 3 4, Volleyball 1 2 3 4, Softball 1 2 3 4, Mat Maid 1 2 3 4, Stats 1 2 3 4, Art Club 3, Booster Club 1 2 3 4, German Club 2 3, "W" Club 1 2 3 4, Physics 4, Class Officer 1 2 3, NHS 3 4, Reflector 4, Tattler 2, Girls State Delegate 3, D.A.R.E. Role Model 4, Who's Who 1 2 3 4, Kiwanis Top Ten 3 4, Homecoming Court 2, HOBY 3, Who's Who in Sports 1 2 3 4 **LIKES:** #13, Everything my way, the 8, cheese, softball, my belly button ring, Sox, arguing with Liz, pizza and milk **DISLIKES:** 8-29-99, Physics, orange cones, not getting what I want, Morgan's pitcher, wrinkly clothes **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend USI, major in Physical Therapy, make MONEY!



*Michelle
Suzanne Koblí*

"THES, T, THEE"



*Thespena Maria
Kollintzas*

Basketball 1 2 3 4, Volleyball 2 3 4, Mat maid 1, Stats 2 3, Art Club 1 2 3, Booster Club 1 2 3 4, Spanish Club 1 2 3, NHS 3 4, Academic Team 3, HGS 3, Who's Who 1 2 3 4, DARE 4, Top Ten 3 4, Sectionals Court 1 **LIKES:** #5, going to Purdue, tanning, hanging out w/my friends and Dave, basketball **DISLIKES:** School, two-faced friends, waking up early **FUTURE PLANS:** College, play basketball, get a good job, make money and marry Dave, have kids and have a happy life.

"LALA, BABY CRY"



*Laura
Martinez*

Art Club 3, Spanish Club 1 2 3, Homecoming Court 3 **LIKES:** Mexican food, weekends, being with my friends and family, going to the movies and the mall **DISLIKES:** People who lie, getting up early **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to college, get married, have kids.

"CLUCKA"



*Leon
Beckavicius*

Cross Country 1, Wrestling 1, German Club 1, Homecoming Court 4, Homecoming King 4, Honor Roll **LIKES:** Vic's, Yola, clean stuff, Vinny, Ford Escort LX, people that keep it real, girls **DISLIKES:** Psycho chicks, gossipers, people who smell, everyone but my true homies, turtles **FUTURE PLANS:** Buy the U.S. and make everyone happy.

"JENNIE"



*Jennifer M.
Matuska*

Cheerleader 1 2 3, Stats 3 4, Art Club 3, Booster Club 2 3 4, FBLA 2, Spanish Club 1 2 3, Class Officer 1, Tattler 3 4 **LIKES:** My true friends, money, Durango's, SPK, fashion, shopping **DISLIKES:** The city of Whiting, fake people, followers, people who chew their food loudly, liars **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend Columbia College for radio production and radio talent, make a lot of money, get a good job and be out of Indiana a few years.

"NANA, NIKKI"



*Nicole E.
Bemus*

Bishop Noll 1 2, Golf 2, SADD 3, Booster Club 4, FBLA 3, Stock Team 3, Spanish Club 2 3 4, Drama Club 3, Choir 1 2, Academic Team 3 **LIKES:** Graduating, hanging out with Bob, Mexican Food, pretzels, Bennigans, Cal Park **DISLIKES:** Whiting News, Garages w/cars in them, this picture and fake people **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to school, get married, make lots of money and have kids.



*John
Menzyk*

**"Ivo"**

Basketball 1 2 3 4, Environmental Club 3, Industrial Arts Club 3, Spanish Club 1 2, Reflector 4, Homecoming Court 2
LIKES: Boycotts, Mariah Carey, 14th, Senior Year Lunch, basketball, girls
DISLIKES: 1st hour senior year, snowy days, cold weather, railroad tracks, my G.P.A. **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to college, get a job Downtown, get a nice car and have a mansion in some suburb of Chicago with a wife, five kids, and some dogs.

*Ivan**Milutinovic***"MORANDO"**

Mat maid 4, Manager 3, SADD Club 2 3 4, FBIA 4 3, Stock Team 1, Spanish Club 1 2 3 4 **LIKES:** Football, baseball, weekends, sleeping in, hanging out with friends, and talking on the phone
DISLIKES: Fake people, stuck-up people, getting up early for school, homework, and school
FUTURE PLANS: Go to college and become a neonatal nurse, then get married and have two kids

*Sara Louise**Morando***"LAINEY, LAINE"**

Cheerleader 3, Art Club 2 3 4, Booster Club 2 3, Sectionals Court 4 **LIKES:** Elton John, animals, Mexican food, bread & 7UP, Jared's impersonations, computers, shopping, being picky
DISLIKES: Driving, people who can't make up their minds, Whiting, complainers, players, close-minded people, liars, cheap people, this picture
FUTURE PLANS: I plan to move out of Whiting, travel, attend college to major in computers, have a successful career in Microsoft, get married and live happily ever after.

*Elaine Marie**Prevatte***"BUTCHIE"**

Football 4, Baseball 2 4, Art Club 3 4, Environmental Club 3, FBIA 3 4, Stock Team 3, Industrial Arts Club 3, Spanish Club 1 2, German Club 3 **LIKES:** Camaros, football, The White Sox, Nicole Condy, sea gulls, earthworms **DISLIKES:** Mustangs, FB's **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to school to be a computer programmer or analyst

*Kyle J.**Prskalo***"LU, POOCH"**

Basketball 1, Volleyball 1 2 3 4, Softball 1 2 3 4, Art Club 2 3 Cheerleader 1, Manager 2 3 4, Stats 2 3 4, SADD Club 3, Environmental Club 3, Booster Club 1 2 3 4--President 2, German Club 1 2 3, "W" Club 1 2 3 4, Class Officer 3 4, Tat/ Reflector 4, Choir 2, Drama Production 1 2, DARE 3 4, Homecoming Court 4, Sectionals Court 4--Queen 4, Operation Snowball 1 2 3--Teen Director 3, Elk's Student of the Month 4, Scholastic All-Star 4, Honor Roll 4 **LIKES:** Volleyball, getting good grades, Mr. Donovan, and I love Sean **DISLIKES:** Rudeness, negativity and people who dwell on mistakes and sorrow **FUTURE PLANS:** Attend PUC, transfer to Illinois Institute of Art and get a degree in Computer Arts and PR and live happily ever after with Sean.

*Sarah**Lucille Puhek**Vitalia**Pushkarovich*

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*James
Steven Rudy*

"RUDIGER"

Highland High School 1 2, Football 4, Reflector 4, Highland Babe Ruth Champion, 10-1 record in boxing **LIKES:** Money, women, summer, hunting, life **DISLIKES:** haterz, fakerz, turtles, posers **FUTURE PLANS:** No matter what I do, somehow I will live the way I want, leave no stone unturned, travel the world, live life to the fullest.

"BREE, FRICK"

Volleyball 1 2, Softball 2, Poms 3, Mat Maid 1 2 3 4, Manager 2, Stats 1 2 3 4, Art Club 2 3, Environmental Club 2 3, Booster Club 1 2 3 4, Spanish Club 1 2 3, Reflector 4, Sectionals Court 2, Scholastic All-Star-- Industrial Tech. 4 **LIKES:** Money, shoes, hats, NYC, Men with lots of \$, Anthony, dancing **DISLIKES:** Whiting, Indiana, hypocrites, two-faced people, bad liars **FUTURE PLANS:** Work downtown and then attend the Chicago School of Massage Therapy. Pursue my career in massage therapy in either New York or L.A. making lots of money and eventually marry someone rich and live happily ever after.



*Brianne K.
Tolbertson*



*David
Singh*

"SINGHERDINGER"

Basketball 2, Stock Team 1, Academic Team 3 4, Boys State Alternate 3, Kiwan's Top Ten 3 4 **LIKES:** Everything not in "Dislikes" **DISLIKES:** Everything not in "Likes" **FUTURE PLANS:** Go to Illinois Institute of Technology and get my bachelors in applied math and physics then attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology for graduate work and receive my PhD in applied math, physics and astrophysics. Then, become the head of the research division at the NSA or NASA.

"TOOTH"

Basketball 1 2 3 4, Volleyball 1 2 3 4, Softball 2, Mat Maid 1, Stats 2 3, Art Club 2 3, Booster Club 1 2 3 4, Spanish Club 1 2 3, "W" Club 1 2 3 4, NHS 4, Reflector 4, Homecoming Court 1, Scholastic All-Star, All-Conference Honorable Mention--Vball 4, Varsity Bball Captain **LIKES:** Eating, milk, tanning, the beach, basketball, #31, soup and bread, being crazy w/ Natalie, BEING SINGLE, dancing, weekends **DISLIKES:** Donuts, losing, computers, orange cones, two-faced people, wanna-be's, **FUTURE PLANS:** School: undecided; find a GOOD man with a lot of money, move to a house on the beach, and have LOTS of kids.



*Elizabeth
Lorraine Toth*



*Joseph
Thomas*

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* 10. Matt Dado

Top Ten Seniors

The Best and The Brightest

These ten students are the brightest of the graduating class of the year 2000. They have completed their high school careers with the highest grade point averages, despite their busy extracurricular schedules. Through hard work and determination, these ten graduated with honors, leaving a lustrous trail behind them. We hope that they continue to shine throughout the rest of their lives, never falling from their places in the sky.

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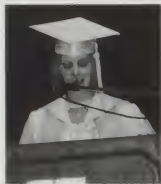


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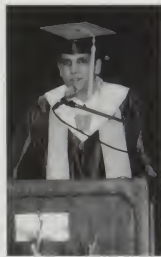
GRADUATION

HOPE YOU HAD THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

On Sunday, June 4, 2000, forty-two anxious seniors made their way into the Whiting High School Memorial Gymnasium. Welcomed by hundreds of friends and family, the students celebrated the milestone that marked the beginning of a new era. Many tears were shed and students reminisced about the last four years of high school. All in all the day was filled with excitement and a knowledge that this was the "first day of the rest of their lives."



★ Above, Valedictorian Mandy Blastick thanks her mom and dad for supporting her throughout high school.



★ Right, Yolanda Casillas listens attentively to Mr. Flick speak about the future and what it holds for the graduates.



★ Above, Thespena Kollintzas, Laura Gulvas, Michelle Kobli, Nicole Condy, Liz Toth and Sarah Puhek gather one last time for a group picture before they line up and get ready to march in to the Memorial Gymnasium.

★ Left, Salutatorian and Class President David Curosh speaks to the Class of 2000 about taking risks and being a dreamer.

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* *Below, Taking a moment to relax before the start of the ceremony are Derk Vaughn and Tom Honeycutt.*



* *Below, Michelle Kobli, Liz Toth and Jackie Benko celebrate after Superintendent Gerald McCullum graduates the class of the new millennium.*



* *Above, Walking out of the gym together at the conclusion of Commencement are Sarah Puhek and Jimmy Rudy.*

* *Right, Class Valedictorian and Class Secretary Mandy Blastick bugs Senior Class Sponsor Ms. Sheldon after presenting her with a gift at graduation. The officers bought Ms. Sheldon a ruby necklace in honor of all her patience and her dedication to the Class of 2000 over the past four years at Whiting High School.*



* *Left, Congratulating Thespena Kollintzas on a job well done in high school and wishing her good luck in the future is guidance counselor Mr. Klosek.*



* *Above, Graduates happily embrace each other after receiving their diplomas. They know that this may be the last time they will be together as a class, and many wanted to remember this moment forever.*



FINAL

- "If you can't think, you shouldn't talk!".....Elaine Prevatte
- "What goes around comes around!".....Sara Morando
- Homecoming 1999 when we TP'd the school.....Ivan Milutinovic
- The talks we had at the lunch table.....*Laura Martinez
- Being called a **SENIOR** for the first time.....Nicole Lemus
- "BE COOL...BE REAL...AND BEHAVE, BABY".....BRIANNE TOLBERTSON
- "Acquaintances come and go, but never forget your family or your true friends. They are the only people who have been there since the beginning, and they're probably the only people who will be there in the end".....Jim Edge
- 2 Posse.....Nick Heeringa
- WINNING REGIONALS IN 1998 AND SECTIONALS IN 1999 FOR SOFTBALL.....**LAURA GULYAS
- "Fate exists but it can only take you so far, because once you're there it's up to you to make it happen.....Nicole Condy
- TP'ing the school this year for Homecoming. We used a million rolls of toilet paper and it was the closest our class ever got.....Kyle Prskalo
- "A life not lived for others is not worth living".....David Curosh
- Falling in the hallway by the water fountain because I was running and I slipped on some water.....Matt Dado

THOUGHTS

"Ladies love Cool Craig"Craig Balling

"BEING A STAR MEANS THAT YOU JUST FIND YOUR OWN SPECIAL PLACE AND SHINE WHERE YOU ARE"YOLA CASILLAS

When Joe Thomas fell down the stairs and his books flew everywhereEddie Gomez

"To thine own self be true"Mandy Blastick

"When I die I want to be buried upside down so the world could kiss my rump"Jackie Benko

"Nee -- Knights that say Nee"Sean Coleman

"To be able to see the rainbow, you have to get through the rain"Sarah Lu Puhek

"Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder"Michelle Kobli

"Remember to always be true to yourself, because things and people come and go, but you are the only one who can be there for yourself all the time"Tanya Adair



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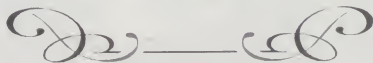


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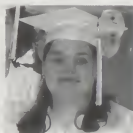
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* Right, The freshmen class proudly shows off their class flag during the flag ceremony at the 2000 Millennium Games. The flag requirements included their graduating year, an animal and the names of everyone in the class.



* Above, Sophomore Dan Montantes tries desperately to put together his team's puzzle in the last event of the obstacle course.



* Left, Bump, Set, SPIKE!!! Senior Kyle Prskalo attempts to save a ball that had been spiked by sophomore Paul Honeycutt.

* Right, Which one is it? Freshman Miriam Lopez pops balloons frantically. She's looking for a 2003, so her team can finish up the obstacle course.



* Left, Showing their spirit to the camera is the sophomore class.

* Above, After a day of watching everyone have fun, Mr. Lenz decides he wants in on the action and decides to join some juniors in a game of volleyball.

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* Left, Seniors show their spirit during the class cheer.

* Right, Junior Desire Morrison throws a hula hoop over junior April Irizarry during the obstacle course.



* Left, Junior Jon Vujko furiously hops to get to the next obstacle.

* Above, Junior Nick Ringer and senior John Menzyk race to see who can eat his pie the fastest.



* Above, Bridget Elza pitches for the junior class. The Juniors defeated both the freshmen and seniors to become the Millennium Games softball champions.

Millennium Games

Students have fun in the sun

On May 26, 2000, Whiting High School students participated in the first ever Millennium Games. The games were sponsored by Mrs. Mindas. Students were placed on teams according to grade level. The events included softball, volleyball, obstacle course class flag decorating, class cheer and a pie-eating

contest. The games were held at the athletic complex. Lunch was provided by Mr. Kobli and Mr. Flick. The Junior Class took first place in all but one event. They were the overall winners with an amazing score of 82. The seniors came in second with 45, followed by the sophomores with 30 and the freshmen with 27. All in all students had a good time.

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* Below, Showing off for the crowd at one of the home basketball games is senior **Matt Dado**.



* Below, Seniors react to the prophecies which were handed out by class officers at the senior banquet.



* Above, BP Amoco representative Greg Furto makes a donation to Whiting Athletic Department representative **Mr. Rebey**.



* Above, Seniors **Michael Hartman, Ivan Milutinovic, Robert Giancola and Joe Thomas** try to fight the senioritis bug by *doing* their work.



* Above, Sophomore **Jessica Halliar** and senior **Jared Hobson** display their award-winning poster and T-shirt.



* Above, Sophomores **Gianna Rossi and Nikki Morando** seem like they're looking forward to summer vacation.



* Far left, This fine group shows off a little leg at the prom.

* Left, Waving goodbye on the last day of school is Ashley Cooper.



* Above, Napping on pajama day are seniors Nicole Lemus and Elizabeth Toth.



Closing

A Year to Remember

It's been an exciting year. We've had a lot of fun dressing up for spirit week, going to dances and participating in the millennium games. We've made new friends and maintained old friendships. It's been a really busy year and we've learned a lot and laughed a lot, but we are looking forward to summer and moving on with the rest of our lives.



* Above, Seniors toss their caps into the air to signify the end of their high school careers.

* Left, Celebrating the win of the Battle of 119th Street are sophomores Nely Cervantes, Nikki Fetsis and Chrissy Banas.

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become an important employer of people with mental health problems.

There is a growing awareness of the need to improve the mental health of people in the public sector. The Department of Health (1995) has published a strategy for mental health care, which includes a commitment to improve the mental health of people in the public sector. The strategy states that 'the mental health of people in the public sector should be a priority for all public sector employers'.

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million (1990–1999) and is projected to increase by a further 1.5 million by 2010 (Office for National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop strategies to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (2000) has identified the need to develop a new paradigm of care for the ageing population, one that is based on the concept of 'active ageing'. This paradigm is based on the idea that older people should be able to live independently, to participate in social and community activities, and to maintain a high level of physical and mental health.

The Department of Health (2000) has identified a number of key areas for action in order to achieve this paradigm. These include: (1) the need to improve the physical and mental health of older people; (2) the need to improve the social and community participation of older people; (3) the need to improve the independence of older people; and (4) the need to improve the quality of life of older people.

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